

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

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In the opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Bond Counsel, based on present federal and Minnesota laws, regulations, rulings and decisions (which exclude any pending legislation which may have a retroactive effect), and assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest to be paid on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and, to the same extent, from taxable net income of individuals, estates and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes, and is not a preference item for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax or the Minnesota alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals, trusts, and estates. Such interest is subject to Minnesota franchise taxes on corporations (including financial institutions) measured by income. No opinion will be expressed by Bond Counsel regarding other state or federal tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds or arising with respect to ownership of the Bonds. See "Tax Exemption" herein.

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

Refunding Issue

Rating Application Made: Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890 (RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA (Renville and Kandiyohi Counties)

(Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program)

\$3,160,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A

PROPOSAL OPENING: October 7, 2021, 10:30 A.M., C.T.

CONSIDERATION: Not later than 11:59 P.M., C.T. on October 7, 2021 (PARAMETERS RESOLUTION)

PURPOSE/AUTHORITY/SECURITY: The \$3,160,000* General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, including Section 475.67, subdivision 3, by Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District") for the purpose of effecting a refunding of certain outstanding general obligations of the District as more fully described herein. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. Delivery is subject to receipt of an approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DATE OF BONDS:

November 4, 2021

MATURITY:

February 1 as follows:

Year	Amount*	Year	Amount*	Year	Amount*
2023	\$260,000	2027	\$315,000	2031	\$345,000
2024	290,000	2028	320,000	2032	350,000
2025	300,000	2029	330,000		
2026	310,000	2030	340,000		

**MATURITY
ADJUSTMENTS:**

* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

TERM BONDS:

See "Term Bond Option" herein.

INTEREST:

August 1, 2022 and semiannually thereafter.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION:

Bonds maturing on February 1, 2030 and thereafter are subject to call for prior optional redemption on February 1, 2029 and any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

MINIMUM PROPOSAL:

\$3,128,400.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT:

A good faith deposit in the amount of \$63,200 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds.

PAYING AGENT:

Bond Trust Services Corporation

BOND COUNSEL:

Kennedy & Graven, Chartered

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR:

Ehlers and Associates, Inc.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY:

See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein (unless otherwise specified by the purchaser).



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REPRESENTATIONS

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Preliminary Official Statement and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District. ***This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.***

This Preliminary Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the Syndicate Manager or Syndicate Members. Statements contained herein which involve estimates or matters of opinion are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. Ehlers and Associates, Inc. prepared this Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda thereto relying on information of the District and other sources for which there is reasonable basis for believing the information is accurate and complete. Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement and is not expressing any opinion as to the completeness or accuracy of the information contained therein. Compensation of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., payable entirely by the District, is contingent upon the delivery of the Bonds.

COMPLIANCE WITH S.E.C. RULE 15c2-12

Certain municipal obligations (issued in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000) are subject to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule").

Preliminary Official Statement: This Preliminary Official Statement was prepared for the District for dissemination to potential investors. Its primary purpose is to disclose information regarding the Bonds to prospective underwriters in the interest of receiving competitive proposals in accordance with the sale notice contained herein. Unless an addendum is posted prior to the sale, this Preliminary Official Statement shall be deemed nearly final for purposes of the Rule subject to completion, revision and amendment in a Final Official Statement as defined below.

Review Period: This Preliminary Official Statement has been distributed to prospective bidders for review. Comments or requests for the correction of omissions or inaccuracies must be submitted to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. at least two business days prior to the sale. Requests for additional information or corrections in the Preliminary Official Statement received on or before this date will not be considered a qualification of a proposal received from an underwriter. If there are any changes, corrections or additions to the Preliminary Official Statement, interested bidders will be informed by an addendum prior to the sale.

Final Official Statement: Copies of the Final Official Statement will be delivered to the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) within seven business days following the proposal acceptance.

Continuing Disclosure: Subject to certain exemptions, issues in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000 may be required to comply with provisions of the Rule which require that underwriters obtain from the issuers of municipal securities (or other obligated party) an agreement for the benefit of the owners of the securities to provide continuing disclosure with respect to those securities. This Preliminary Official Statement describes the conditions under which the District is required to comply with the Rule.

CLOSING CERTIFICATES

Upon delivery of the Bonds, the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) will be furnished with the following items: (1) a certificate of the appropriate officials to the effect that at the time of the sale of the Bonds and all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of the delivery of the Bonds, this Preliminary Official Statement did not and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (2) a receipt signed by the appropriate officer evidencing payment for the Bonds; (3) a certificate evidencing the due execution of the Bonds, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending, or to the knowledge of signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of the signers to their respective offices is being contested, and (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds have been repealed, revoked or rescinded; and (4) a certificate setting forth facts and expectations of the District which indicates that the District does not expect to use the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner that would cause them to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or within the meaning of applicable Treasury Regulations.

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RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Dale Negen	Chair	January 2023
Ryan Lippert	Vice Chair	January 2023
Maria Kramer	Clerk	January 2025
Darin Bratsch	Treasurer	January 2023
Phyllis Bruns	Member	January 2022
Josie Cruz	Member	January 2025
Brad Negen	Member	January 2025

ADMINISTRATION

Doug Froke, Superintendent of Schools
Krista Schrupp, Finance Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Bond Counsel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ehlers and Associates, Inc., Municipal Advisors, Roseville, Minnesota
(Other offices located in Waukesha, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado)

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Preliminary Official Statement contains certain information regarding Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District") and the issuance of its \$3,160,000* General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds"). Any descriptions or summaries of the Bonds, statutes, or documents included herein are not intended to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such statutes and documents and the form of the Bonds to be included in the resolution ratifying the sale of the Bonds ("Ratifying Resolution") to be adopted by the School Board on October 11, 2021.

Inquiries may be directed to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers" or the "Municipal Advisor"), Roseville, Minnesota, (651) 697-8500, the District's municipal advisor. A copy of this Preliminary Official Statement may be downloaded from Ehlers' web site at www.ehlers-inc.com by connecting to the Bond Sales link and following the directions at the top of the site.

THE BONDS

GENERAL

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, and will be dated, as originally issued, as of November 4, 2021. The Bonds will mature on February 1 in the years and amounts set forth on the cover of this Preliminary Official Statement. Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2022, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from the date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.) As long as the Bonds are held under the book-entry system, beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may be acquired in book-entry form only, and all payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be made through the facilities of DTC and its participants. If the book-entry system is terminated, principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable as provided in the Ratifying Resolution.

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

*Preliminary, subject to change.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2030 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2029 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

AUTHORITY; PURPOSE

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, including Section 475.67, subdivision 3, by the District, for the purpose of effecting a refunding of the District's \$6,120,000 General Obligation Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2012A (the "Series 2012A Bonds") as follows:

Issue Being Refunded	Date of Refunded Issue	Call Date	Call Price	Maturities Being Refunded	Interest Rates	Principal to be Refunded	CUSIP Base
Series 2012A Bonds	5/24/12	2/1/22	Par	2023	2.00%	\$290,000	AS1
				2024	2.20%	300,000	AT9
				2025	2.30%	310,000	AU6
				2026	2.40%	320,000	AV4
				2028 (Term)	3.00%	645,000	AX0
				2030 (Term)	3.00%	680,000	AZ5
				2032 (Term)	3.00%	<u>730,000</u>	BB7
Total Series 2012A Bonds Being Refunded							<u>\$3,275,000</u>

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to call and prepay the maturities described above and to pay all or most of the costs of issuance. The District will pay the principal and interest payment due on February 1, 2022 from the Debt Redemption Fund for the Series 2012A Bonds.

ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES*

Sources	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$3,160,000
Reoffering Premium	<u>197,897</u>
Total Sources	\$3,357,897
Uses	
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.800%)	\$25,280
Costs of Issuance	56,457
Deposit to Redemption Fund	3,275,000
Rounding Amount	<u>1,160</u>
Total Uses	\$3,357,897

*Preliminary, subject to change.

SECURITY

The Bonds are general obligations of the District to which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District will levy each year an amount not less than 105% of the debt service requirements on the Bonds. In the event funds on hand for payment of principal and interest are at any time insufficient, the District is required to levy additional taxes upon all taxable properties within its boundaries without limit as to rate or amount to make up any deficiency.

RATING

The District will be participating in the State of Minnesota Credit Enhancement Program ("MNCEP") for this issue and is requesting a rating from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Moody's has a policy which assigns a minimum rating of "Aa2" to issuers participating in the MNCEP. The "Aa2" rating is based on the State of Minnesota's current "Aa1" rating from Moody's. See "STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS" for further details.

The District currently has an "A+" underlying rating from S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") but the District will request an underlying rating on this issue from Moody's. Such rating, if any, reflects only the views of such organization and explanations of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Such rating is not to be construed as a recommendation of the rating agency to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and the rating assigned by the rating agency should be evaluated independently. Except as may be required by the Disclosure Undertaking described under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" neither the District nor the underwriter undertake responsibility to bring to the attention of the owner of the Bonds any proposed changes in or withdrawal of such rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

By resolution adopted for this issue on September 13, 2021 (the "Resolution"), the District has covenanted and obligated itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota in the event of a potential default of a school district obligation (herein referred to as the "State Payment Law" or the "Law"). The provisions of the State Payment Law shall be binding on the District as long as any obligations of the issue remain outstanding.

Under the State Payment Law, if the District believes it may be unable to make a principal or interest payment for this issue on the due date, it must notify the Commissioner of Education as soon as possible, but not less than 15 working days prior to the due date (which notice is to specify certain information) that it intends to exercise the provisions of the Law to guarantee payment of the principal and interest when due. The District also covenants in the Resolution to deposit with the Paying Agent for the issue three business days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of the payment.

The Law also requires the Paying Agent for this issue to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on these obligations, or if, on the day two business days prior to the payment date, there are insufficient funds to make the payment or deposit with the Paying Agent.

The Law also requires, after receipt of a notice which requests a payment pursuant to the Law, after consultation with the Paying Agent and District, and after verifying the accuracy of the information provided, the Commissioner of Education shall notify the Commissioner of Management and Budget of the potential default. The State Payment Law provides that "upon receipt of this notice . . . the commissioner of management and budget shall issue a payment and authorize the commissioner of education to pay to the paying agent for the debt obligation the specified amount on or before the date due. The amounts needed for the purposes of subdivision are annually appropriated to the [Department of Education] from the state general fund."

The Law requires that all amounts paid by the State on behalf of any School District are required to be repaid by the District to the State with interest, either via a reduction in State aid payable to the District, or through the levy of an ad valorem tax which may be made with the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

In its Official Statement dated September 9, 2021, for General Obligation State Bonds, Series 2021A and 2021B, the State of Minnesota disclosed the following information about the State Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts.

"As of June 30, 2021, the total amount of principal on certificates of indebtedness and capital notes issued for equipment, certificates of participation and bonds, plus the interest on these obligations, through the year 2050, is approximately \$16,995,000,000. Based upon these currently outstanding balances now enrolled in the program, during the Current Biennium the total amount of principal and interest outstanding as of June 30, 2021 is currently estimated at \$2,500,000,000, with the maximum amount of principal and interest payable in any one month being \$975,700,000. However, more certificates of indebtedness, capital notes, certificates of participation and bonds are expected to be enrolled in the program and these amounts are expected to increase.

The State has not had to make any debt service payments on behalf of school districts or intermediate school districts under the program and does not expect to make any payments in the future. If such payments are made the State expects to recover all or substantially all of the amounts so paid pursuant to contractual agreements with the school districts and intermediate school districts."

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers, in connection with their participation in the offering of the Bonds, to comply with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"), the District shall agree to provide certain information to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system, or any system that may be prescribed in the future. The Rule was last amended, effective February 27, 2019, to include an expanded list of material events.

On the date of issue and delivery, the District shall execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, under which the District will covenant for the benefit of holders including beneficial holders, to provide electronically, or in a manner otherwise prescribed, certain financial information annually and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain events enumerated in the Rule (the "Disclosure Undertaking"). The details and terms of the Disclosure Undertaking for the District are set forth in Appendix D. Such Disclosure Undertaking will be in substantially the form attached hereto.

A failure by the District to comply with any Disclosure Undertaking will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. However, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

Prior continuing disclosure undertakings entered into by the District included language stating that an Annual Report including the District's audited financial statements and operating data would be filed "as soon as available." Although the District did not always comply with this requirement, the Annual Reports were timely filed within the required twelve (12) month timeframe as provided for in each undertaking. Except to the extent the preceding is deemed to be material, the District believes it has not failed to comply in the previous five years in all material respects with its prior undertakings under the Rule. The District has reviewed its continuing disclosure responsibilities along with any changes to the Rule, to ensure compliance. Ehlers is currently engaged as dissemination agent for the District.

LEGAL OPINION

An opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and the exemption from taxation of the interest thereon will be furnished by Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Bond Counsel to the District, and will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the District; provided that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or equitable proceeding). See "FORM OF LEGAL OPINION" found in Appendix B.

TAX EXEMPTION

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and decisions, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and is excludable from taxable net income of individuals, estates and trusts for purposes of State of Minnesota income taxation, but is subject to State of Minnesota franchise taxes measured by income that are imposed upon corporations, including financial institutions.

Noncompliance following the issuance of the Bonds with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and covenants of the Ratifying Resolution may result in the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income (for federal tax purposes) and taxable net income (for State of Minnesota tax purposes) of the owners thereof. No provision has been made for redemption of the Bonds, or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds, in the event that interest on the Bonds becomes subject to United States or State of Minnesota income taxation.

The Code imposes an alternative minimum tax with respect to individuals on alternative minimum taxable income.

The Code provides that in the case of an insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 831 of the Code, the amount which otherwise would be taken into account as "losses incurred" under Section 832(b)(5) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the interest on the Bonds that is received or accrued during the taxable year. For purposes hereof, the applicable percentage is 5.25% divided by the highest rate in effect under Section 11(b) of the Code.

Interest on the Bonds may be included in the income of a foreign corporation for purposes of the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code. Under certain circumstances, interest on the Bonds may be subject to the tax on "excess net passive income" of Subchapter S corporations imposed by Section 1375 of the Code.

The above is not a comprehensive list of all federal tax consequences which may arise from the receipt of interest on the Bonds. The receipt of interest on the Bonds may otherwise affect the federal or State income tax liability of the recipient based on the particular taxes to which the recipient is subject and the particular tax status of other items or deductions. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such consequences. All prospective purchasers of the Bonds are advised to consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of, or tax considerations for, purchasing or holding the Bonds.

Legislative proposals

Bond Counsel's opinion is given as of its date and Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update, revise, or supplement such opinion to reflect any changes in facts or circumstances or any changes in law that may hereafter occur. Proposals are regularly introduced in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate that, if enacted, could alter or affect the tax-exempt status on municipal bonds. For example, legislation has been proposed that would, among other things, limit the amount of exclusions (including tax-exempt interest) or deductions that certain higher-income taxpayers could use to reduce their tax liability. The likelihood of adoption of this or any other such legislative proposal relating to tax-exempt bonds cannot be reliably predicted. If enacted into law, current or future proposals may have a prospective or retroactive effect and could affect the value or marketability of tax-exempt bonds (including the Bonds). Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the impact of any such change in law.

QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Ehlers has served as municipal advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor cannot participate in the underwriting of the Bonds. The financial information included in this Preliminary Official Statement has been compiled by the Municipal Advisor. Such information does not purport to be a review, audit or certified forecast of future events and may not conform with accounting principles applicable to compilations of financial information. Ehlers is not a firm of certified public accountants. Ehlers is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the MSRB as a municipal advisor. Ehlers makes no representation, warranty or guarantee regarding the accuracy or completeness of the information in this Preliminary Official Statement, and its assistance in preparing this Preliminary Official Statement should not be construed as a representation that it has independently verified such information.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AFFILIATED COMPANIES

Bond Trust Services Corporation ("BTSC") and Ehlers Investment Partners, LLC ("EIP") are affiliate companies of Ehlers. BTSC is chartered by the State of Minnesota and authorized in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Illinois to transact the business of a limited purpose trust company. BTSC provides paying agent services to debt issuers. EIP is a Registered Investment Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission. EIP assists issuers with the investment of bond proceeds or investing other issuer funds. This includes escrow bidding agent services. Issuers, such as the District, have retained or may retain BTSC and/or EIP to provide these services. If hired, BTSC and/or EIP would be retained by the District under an agreement separate from Ehlers.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The basic financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 have been audited by Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP, Marshall, Minnesota, independent auditors (the "Auditor"). The report of the Auditor, together with the basic financial statements, component units financial statements, and notes to the financial statements are attached hereto as "APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS". The Auditor has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. The Auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Preliminary Official Statement.

RISK FACTORS

Following is a description of possible risks to holders of the Bonds without weighting as to probability. This description of risks is not intended to be all-inclusive, and there may be other risks not now perceived or listed here.

Taxes: The Bonds are general obligations of the District, the ultimate payment of which rests in the District's ability to levy and collect sufficient taxes to pay debt service. In the event of delayed billing, collection or distribution of property taxes, sufficient funds may not be available to the District in time to pay debt service when due.

State Actions: Many elements of local government finance, including the issuance of debt and the levy of property taxes, are controlled by state government. Future actions of the state may affect the overall financial condition of the District, the taxable value of property within the District, and the ability of the District to levy and collect property taxes.

Future Changes in Law: Various State and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the District and to the Bonds. The District can give no assurance that there will not be a change in or interpretation of any such applicable laws, regulations and provisions which would have a material effect on the District or the taxing authority of the District.

Ratings; Interest Rates: In the future, the District's credit rating may be reduced or withdrawn, or interest rates for this type of obligation may rise generally, either possibility resulting in a reduction in the value of the Bonds for resale prior to maturity.

Tax Exemption: If the federal government or the State of Minnesota taxes all or a portion of the interest on municipal obligations, directly or indirectly, or if there is a change in federal or state tax policy, the value of the Bonds may fall for purposes of resale. Noncompliance following the issuance of the Bonds with certain requirements of the Code and covenants of the Ratifying Resolution may result in the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income of the recipient for United States income tax purposes or in taxable net income of individuals, estates or trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes. No provision has been made for redemption of the Bonds, or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds, in the event that interest on the Bonds becomes subject to federal or State of Minnesota income taxation, retroactive to the date of issuance.

Continuing Disclosure: A failure by the District to comply with the Disclosure Undertaking for continuing disclosure (see "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE") will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

State Economy; State Aids: State of Minnesota cash flow problems could affect local governments and possibly increase property taxes.

Book-Entry-Only System: The timely credit of payments for principal and interest on the Bonds to the accounts of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may be delayed due to the customary practices, standing instructions or for other unknown reasons by DTC participants or indirect participants. Since the notice of redemption or other notices to holders of these obligations will be delivered by the District to DTC only, there may be a delay or failure by DTC, DTC participants or indirect participants to notify the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

Economy: A combination of economic, climatic, political or civil disruptions or terrorist actions outside of the control of the District, including loss of major taxpayers or major employers, could affect the local economy and result in reduced tax collections and/or increased demands upon local government. Real or perceived threats to the financial stability of the District may have an adverse effect on the value of the Bonds in the secondary market.

Secondary Market for the Bonds: No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof. Prices of the Bonds as traded in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and other prevailing circumstances. No guarantee exists as to the future market value of the Bonds. Such market value could be substantially different from the original purchase price.

Bankruptcy: The rights and remedies of the holders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws, or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors' rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The opinion of Bond Counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

Cybersecurity: The District is dependent on electronic information technology systems to deliver services. These systems may contain sensitive information or support critical operational functions which may have value for unauthorized purposes. As a result, the electronic systems and networks may be targets of cyberattack. There can be no assurance that the District will not experience an information technology breach or attack with financial consequences that could have a material adverse impact.

Impact of the Spread of COVID-19: In late 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, including to the United States, resulting in the World Health Organization proclaiming COVID-19 to be a pandemic and the declaration of a national emergency. In response to the spread of COVID-19, the United States government, state governments, local governments and private industries have taken measures to limit social interactions in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. The effects of the spread of COVID-19 and the government and private responses to the spread continue to rapidly evolve. COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions to the global, national and State economy. The extent to which the coronavirus impacts the District and its financial condition will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted by the District, including the duration of the outbreak and measures taken to address the outbreak.

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed Emergency Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency. In subsequent executive orders, the Governor extended the peacetime emergency by 30 days. On May 14, 2021, the Governor signed Executive Order 21-23 to end the statewide mask requirement and align with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on face coverings. The Minnesota Legislature ended the peacetime emergency declaration on July 1, 2021.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") provides for federal payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State for the discrete purpose of covering expenses directly incurred as a result of COVID-19 between March 1 and December 30, 2020. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides local governments an additional \$130.2 billion through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds can be used to mitigate increased expenditures, lost revenue and economic hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The foregoing is intended only as a summary of certain risk factors attendant to an investment in the Bonds. In order for potential investors to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Preliminary Official Statement and the Appendices hereto.

VALUATIONS

OVERVIEW

All non-exempt property is subject to taxation by local taxing districts. Exempt real property includes Indian lands, public property, and educational, religious and charitable institutions. Most personal property is exempt from taxation (except investor-owned utility mains, generating plants, etc.).

The valuation of property in Minnesota consists of three elements. (1) The estimated market value is set by city or county assessors. Not less than 20% of all real properties are to be appraised by local assessors each year. (2) The taxable market value is the estimated market value adjusted by all legislative exclusions. (3) The tax capacity (taxable) value of property is determined by class rates set by the State Legislature. The tax capacity rate varies according to the classification of the property. Tax capacity represents a percent of taxable market value.

The property tax rate for a local taxing jurisdiction is determined by dividing the total tax capacity or market value of property within the jurisdiction into the dollars to be raised from the levy. State law determines whether a levy is spread on tax capacity or market value. Major classifications and the percentages by which tax capacity is determined are:

Type of Property	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Residential homestead ¹	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%
Agricultural homestead ¹	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,940,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,940,000 - 1.00% ²	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,880,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,880,000 - 1.00% ²	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,900,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,900,000 - 1.00% ²
Agricultural non-homestead	Land - 1.00% ²	Land - 1.00% ²	Land - 1.00% ²
Seasonal recreational residential	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³
Residential non-homestead:	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$139,000 - .75% Over \$139,000 - .25%	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$150,000 - .75% Over \$150,000 - .25%	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$162,000 - .75% Over \$162,000 - .25%
Industrial/Commercial/Utility ⁵	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%

¹ A residential property qualifies as "homestead" if it is occupied by the owner or a relative of the owner on the assessment date.

² Applies to land and buildings. Exempt from referendum market value tax.

³ Exempt from referendum market value tax.

⁴ Cities of 5,000 population or less and located entirely outside the seven-county metropolitan area and the adjacent nine-county area and whose boundaries are 15 miles or more from the boundaries of a Minnesota city with a population of over 5,000.

⁵ The estimated market value of utility property is determined by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

CURRENT PROPERTY VALUATIONS

2020/21 Economic Market Value \$1,400,579,158¹

2020/21 Assessor's Estimated Market Value

	Renville County	Kandiyohi County	Total
Real Estate	\$ 1,218,398,000	\$ 122,632,300	\$ 1,341,030,300
Personal Property	10,609,100	2,075,000	12,684,100
Total Valuation	<u>\$ 1,229,007,100</u>	<u>\$ 124,707,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,353,714,400</u>

2020/21 Net Tax Capacity

	Renville County	Kandiyohi County	Total
Real Estate	\$ 10,192,496	\$ 965,692	\$ 11,158,188
Personal Property	209,932	41,500	251,432
Net Tax Capacity	<u>\$ 10,402,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,192</u>	<u>\$ 11,409,620</u>
Less: Captured Tax Increment Tax Capacity ²	(1,315)	0	(1,315)
Taxable Net Tax Capacity	<u>\$ 10,401,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,192</u>	<u>\$ 11,408,305</u>

¹ According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the 2020/21 Assessor's Estimated Market Value (the "AEMV") for the is about 96.78% of the actual selling prices of property most recently sold in the District. The sales ratio was calculated by comparing the selling prices with the AEMV. Dividing the AEMV of real estate by the sales ratio and adding the AEMV of personal property and utility, railroads and minerals, if any, results in an Economic Market Value ("EMV") for the District of \$1,400,579,158.

² The captured tax increment value shown above represents the captured net tax capacity of tax increment financing districts located in the District.

2020/21 NET TAX CAPACITY BY CLASSIFICATION

	2020/21 Net Tax Capacity	Percent of Total Net Tax Capacity
Residential homestead	\$ 757,022	6.63%
Agricultural	8,950,338	78.45%
Commercial/industrial	1,170,490	10.26%
Public utility	70,400	0.62%
Railroad operating property	18,053	0.16%
Non-homestead residential	186,076	1.63%
Commercial & residential seasonal/rec.	5,809	0.05%
Personal property	<u>251,432</u>	<u>2.20%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11,409,620</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

TREND OF VALUATIONS

Levy Year	Assessor's Estimated Market Value	Assessor's Taxable Market Value	Net Tax Capacity ¹	Taxable Net Tax Capacity ²	Percent +/- in Estimated Market Value
2016/17	\$1,522,391,200	\$1,490,776,626	\$12,708,183	\$12,706,976	- 4.19%
2017/18	1,449,074,000	1,417,363,837	12,283,492	12,282,285	- 4.82%
2018/19	1,364,281,400	1,332,278,209	11,534,402	11,533,195	- 5.85%
2019/20	1,366,552,400	1,334,489,896	11,548,554	11,547,390	+ 0.17%
2020/21	1,353,714,400	1,321,125,512	11,409,620	11,408,305	- 0.94%

¹ Net Tax Capacity includes tax increment values.

² Taxable Net Tax Capacity does not include tax increment values.

LARGER TAXPAYERS

Taxpayer	Type of Property	2020/21 Net Tax Capacity	Percent of District's Total Net Tax Capacity
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Co-op	Industrial	\$ 831,593	7.29%
Farmward Cooperative	Industrial	170,267	1.49%
Xcel Energy	Utility	168,510	1.48%
Fagan Farms, LLP	Agricultural	151,768	1.33%
Individuals	Agricultural	147,928	1.30%
Individual	Agricultural	84,931	0.74%
Individuals	Agricultural	81,450	0.71%
Individuals	Agricultural	79,466	0.70%
Individuals	Agricultural	70,435	0.62%
Individual	Agricultural	56,635	0.50%
Total		<u><u>\$ 1,842,983</u></u>	<u><u>16.15%</u></u>

District's Total 2020/21 Net Tax Capacity \$11,409,620

Source: Current Property Valuations, Net Tax Capacity by Classification, Trend of Valuations and Larger Taxpayers have been furnished by Renville and Kandiyohi Counties.

DEBT

DIRECT DEBT¹

General Obligation Debt (see schedule following)

Total G.O. debt secured by taxes and state aids ² (includes the Bonds)*	<u><u>\$8,000,000</u></u>
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Lease Purchase Obligations (see schedule following)

Total lease purchase obligations paid by annual appropriations ³	<u><u>\$1,037,586</u></u>
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*Preliminary, subject to change.

¹ Outstanding debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds.

² Based upon the long term facilities maintenance revenue formula, the agricultural land valuation and current statistics, the District anticipates a portion of this debt will be paid by the State of Minnesota.

³ Non-general obligation debt has not been included in the debt ratios.

STATE AID FOR DEBT SERVICE

The Minnesota Debt Service Equalization program provides state aid to finance a portion of the principal and interest payments on most school district bonds. Bonds not eligible for the program include all alternative facilities bonds, facilities maintenance bonds, capital facilities bonds and OPEB bonds, as well as building bonds with relatively short maturities.

Under the Debt Service Equalization Formula (the Formula) adopted by the 2001 Minnesota State Legislature, each school district is responsible for the amount of its qualifying annual debt service which is equal to 15.74% of its Adjusted Net Tax Capacity (ANTC). The District does not currently qualify for debt service equalization aid.

In addition to debt service equalization aid, some school districts will qualify for state Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid to finance a portion of the payments on Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds, pursuant to the Long Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue (LTFMR) program approved by the State in 2015. If any aid is received, it is deposited into the District's debt service fund and must be used for payments on the bonds; any payment of state aid into the debt service fund causes a reduction in the tax levy for Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds. The amount of aid received in the debt service fund will vary each year, depending on a number of factors. Although the District expects to receive some Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid in its debt service fund, Ehlers has not attempted to estimate the portion of debt service payments that would be financed by state aid.

Some school districts will also receive aid for debt service payments through the state School Building Bond Agricultural Credit, which is paid to school districts to offset a portion of certain bond levies (Minn. Stat. Section 273.1387). The reimbursement percentages are 40% for taxes payable in 2018 and 2019, 50% for 2020, 55% for 2021, 60% for 2022, and 70% for 2023 and thereafter. The school building bond agricultural credit applies to farmland, excluding the house, garage and one acre, and to rural vacant land and managed forest land. The amount of agricultural credit received in the debt service fund for taxes payable 2022 is approximately 45% of total annual debt service levies, based on the District's 2020/21 qualifying agricultural land valuation.

Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West), Minnesota
Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness
General Obligation Debt Secured by Taxes and State Aids
(As of 11/04/2021)

Alternative Facilities Bonds Series 2012A			School Building Bonds Series 2015A			Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds 1) Series 2021A		
Dated Amount	05/24/2012 \$6,120,000	02/01	03/18/2015 \$5,360,000	02/01	11/04/2021 \$3,160,000*	02/01	Estimated Principal	Interest
Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Estimated Principal	Total Principal	Total Interest
2022	285,000	47,280	175,000	63,969	0	460,000	460,000	111,249
2023			180,000	124,438	95,438	440,000	260,000	219,875
2024			180,000	120,838	69,063	470,000	290,000	189,900
2025			180,000	117,238	60,363	480,000	300,000	177,600
2026			180,000	112,738	51,363	490,000	310,000	164,100
2027			195,000	108,238	42,063	510,000	315,000	150,300
2028			235,000	103,363	32,613	555,000	320,000	135,975
2029			270,000	96,900	23,013	600,000	330,000	119,913
2030			280,000	88,800	13,113	620,000	340,000	101,913
2031			285,000	80,400	8,863	630,000	345,000	89,263
2032			295,000	71,850	4,550	645,000	350,000	76,400
2033			670,000	63,000	670,000	63,000	670,000	721,913
2034			705,000	42,900	705,000	42,900	705,000	719,263
2035			725,000	21,750	725,000	21,750	725,000	721,400
	285,000	47,280	4,555,000	1,216,419	3,160,000	400,438	8,000,000	8,000,000
							1,664,136	1,664,136

* Preliminary, subject to change.

- 1) This issue will refund the 2023 through 2032 maturities of the District's \$6,120,000 General Obligation Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2012A dated May 24, 2012.

Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West), Minnesota
Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness
Non-General Obligation Debt Secured by Annual Appropriation
(As of 11/04/2021)

Fiscal Year Ending	Lease Purchase 1)		Lease Purchase 1)		Classroom Addition 1)		Total P & I	Principal Outstanding	% Paid	Fiscal Year Ending
	Dated	Amount	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest			
2022	09/23/2011	\$620,202	10/01	26,924	5,153	12,133	7,588	35,056	12,741	51,797
2023	46,357	0	11/329	55,041	9,112	24,906	14,535	126,304	34,977	161,281
2024	48,430	9,257	7,092	56,671	7,482	25,786	13,656	130,886	30,396	161,282
2025	50,594	58,349	4,831	58,044	5,804	26,696	12,746	135,640	25,642	161,282
2026	52,856	60,078	2,468	60,078	4,076	27,638	11,803	140,572	20,710	161,282
2027	55,218	61,857	2,297	61,857	2,861	28,614	10,827	145,690	15,592	161,282
2028		31,612	465	29,625	61,237	9,817	6,123	10,282	71,518	258,201
2029				30,670	8,771	30,670	8,771	30,670	8,771	227,531
2030				31,753	7,688	31,753	7,688	31,753	7,688	195,777
2031				32,874	6,567	32,874	6,567	32,874	6,567	162,903
2032				34,035	5,406	34,035	5,406	34,035	5,406	128,868
2033				35,237	4,205	35,237	4,205	35,237	4,205	39,441
2034				36,481	2,961	36,481	2,961	36,481	2,961	39,441
2035				37,769	1,673	37,769	1,673	37,769	1,673	39,441
2036				19,382	339	19,382	339	19,382	339	19,721
	253,455	34,978	34,389	350,532	433,599	118,582	1,037,586	187,949	1,225,535	

1) This issue is not subject to the debt limit.

BONDED DEBT LIMIT

Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.53, subdivision 4, presently limits the "net debt" of a school district to 15% of its estimated market value. The estimated market value of property within a district, on which its debt limit is based, is (a) the value certified by the county auditors, or (b) this value divided by the ratio certified by the commissioner of revenue, whichever results in a higher value. The current debt limit of the District is computed as follows:

2020/21 Economic Market Value	\$1,400,579,158
Multiply by 15%	<u>0.15</u>
Statutory Debt Limit	\$ 210,086,874
Less: Long-Term Debt Outstanding Being Paid Solely from Taxes (includes the Bonds)*	8,000,000
Unused Debt Limit*	<u><u>\$ 218,086,874</u></u>

*Preliminary, subject to change.

OVERLAPPING DEBT¹

Taxing District	2020/21 Taxable Net Tax Capacity	% In District	Total G.O. Debt ²	District's Proportionate Share
Renville County	\$39,333,218	26.4436%	\$ 25,945,000	\$ 6,860,792
Kandiyohi County	58,843,104	1.7117%	1,365,000	23,365
City of Renville	511,399	100.0000%	1,245,333	1,245,333
City of Sacred Heart	141,564	100.0000%	447,000	447,000
District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt				<u><u>\$ 8,576,490</u></u>

DEBT PAYMENT HISTORY

The District has no record of default in the payment of principal and interest on its debt.

¹ Overlapping debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds. Only those taxing jurisdictions with general obligation debt outstanding are included in this section. It does *not* include non-general obligation debt, self-supporting general obligation revenue debt, short-term general obligation debt, or general obligation tax/aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness.

² Outstanding debt is based on information in Official Statements obtained on EMMA and the Municipal Advisor's records.

DEBT RATIOS

	G.O. Debt	Debt/Economic Market Value (\$1,400,579,158)	Debt/ Current Population Estimate (4,181)
Direct G.O. Debt Secured By Taxes and State Aids (includes the Bonds)*	\$ 8,000,000	0.57%	\$1,913.42
Less: Agricultural Credit ¹	<u>(3,600,000)</u>		
Tax Supported General Obligation Debt*	\$ 4,400,000	0.31%	\$1,052.38
District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt	<u>\$ 8,576,490</u>	<u>0.61%</u>	<u>\$2,051.30</u>
Total*	<u><u>\$12,976,490</u></u>	<u><u>0.93%</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,103.68</u></u>

*Preliminary, subject to change.

FUTURE FINANCING

The District is holding an election on November 2, 2021, and if authorized by voters on that date, the District plans to issue approximately \$3,190,000 in General Obligation School Building Bonds in the next 12 months.

LEVY LIMITS

Minnesota school district tax levies for most purposes are subject to statutory limitations. No limit, however, is placed on the debt service levy, and districts are required to levy 105% of actual principal and interest requirements to allow for delinquencies.

School districts receive a basic revenue amount per pupil unit from aid and levy proceeds in a variety of categorical state aids. They are also allowed to certify additional levies within limits for certain specified purposes. The State Department of Education and the applicable County Auditors review the levies of each school district to determine compliance with state levy limits.

¹ Based on current State law and statistics, the State of Minnesota is estimated to pay approximately 45% of the principal and interest of the District's general obligation bonds. Assuming this percentage continues for the life of the issue, the State's proportionate share of principal is \$3,600,000.

TAX RATES, LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

Tax Year	Net Tax Levy ¹	Total Collected Following Year	Collected to Date ²	% Collected
2016/17	\$2,076,636	\$2,055,371	\$2,074,278	99.89%
2017/18	1,990,011	1,970,906	1,986,315	99.81%
2018/19	2,280,026	2,255,802	2,271,884	99.64%
2019/20	2,107,991	2,085,210	2,085,210	98.92%
2020/21	1,990,898	In process of collection		

Property taxes are collected in two installments in Minnesota--the first by May 15 and the second by October 15.³ Mobile home taxes are collectible in full by August 31. Minnesota Statutes require that levies (taxes and special assessments) for debt service be at least 105% of the actual debt service requirements to allow for delinquencies.

The spread of COVID-19 and responses taken by the United States government, state governments, local governments and private industries have caused significant disruptions to the national and State economy. See "RISK FACTORS - Impact of the Spread of COVID-19" herein. Certain states have announced extended deadlines for payment of property taxes, although as of this date Minnesota has not taken such measures. The District cannot predict whether and how much payment of property taxes will be impacted. Any delays or reduction in the receipt of property taxes may materially adversely impact the District's finances and payment of debt obligations, including the Bonds.

¹ This reflects the Final Levy Certification of the District after all adjustments have been made.

² Collections are through December 31, 2020 for Renville and Kandiyohi Counties.

³ Second half tax payments on agricultural property are due on November 15th of each year.

TAX CAPACITY RATES¹

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
I.S.D. No. 2890 (Renville County West)	10.538%	10.660%	11.675%	10.256%	11.872%
Renville County	31.914%	33.945%	37.039%	37.945%	38.759%
Kandiyohi County	58.330%	58.216%	60.168%	59.557%	59.425%
City of Danube	123.457%	108.174%	131.486%	136.180%	133.320%
City of Renville	176.952%	176.859%	174.532%	176.370%	162.519%
City of Sacred Heart	337.181%	342.967%	348.118%	343.587%	319.133%
Town of Ericson ²	9.514%	10.215%	11.379%	12.216%	13.282%

Referendum Market Value Rates:

I.S.D. No. 2890 (Renville County West)	0.39015%	0.43269%	0.54437%	0.50141%	0.40445%
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Source: Tax Levies and Collections and Tax Capacity Rates have been furnished by Renville and Kandiyohi Counties.

¹ After reduction for state aids. Does not include the statewide general property tax against commercial/industrial, non-homestead resorts and seasonal recreational residential property.

² Representative town rate.

THE ISSUER

EMPLOYEES

The District is governed by an elected school board and employs a staff of 105, including 52 non-licensed employees and 53 licensed employees (48 of whom are teachers). The District provides education for 525 students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

PENSIONS; UNIONS

Teachers' Retirement Association (TRA)

All teachers employed by the District are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the State of Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association (TRA). TRA members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated members are covered by Social Security and Basic members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356.

Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA)

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District (other than those covered by TRA) are covered by a defined benefit plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF) which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. This plan is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356.

Recognized and Certified Bargaining Units

Bargaining Unit	Expiration Date of Current Contract
Renville County West Education Association	June 30, 2021
Renville County West Principals Association	June 30, 2022
Local 70 (Custodians)	June 30, 2021
Local 70 (Groundskeeper)	June 30, 2021
Renville County West Educational Support Professionals	June 30, 2021

Status of Contracts

Contracts which expired on June 30, 2021 are currently in negotiations or are in the process of School Board approval.

POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District has obligations for some post-employment benefits for its employees. Accounting for these obligations is dictated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75). The District's recent actuarial study shows a total OPEB liability of \$1,613,750 as of July 1, 2019. The District has been funding these obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Source: The District's most recent actuarial study.

STUDENT BODY

The number of students enrolled for the past four years and for the current year have been as follows:

Year	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	Total
2017/18	38	251	232	521
2018/19	49	252	245	546
2019/20	46	246	233	525
2020/21	47	234	221	502
2021/22	50	247	228	525

Enrollments for the next three years are projected to be as follows:

Year	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	Total
2022/23	45	256	225	526
2023/24	45	261	232	538
2024/25	45	270	223	538

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

School Building	Year Constructed	Years of Additions/ Remodelings
Renville County West Elementary	1921	1955, 2012, 2016, 2020
Renville County West High School	1921	1955, 2012, 2016, 2020

FUNDS ON HAND (as of June 30, 2021)

Fund	Total Cash and Investments
General	\$ 2,531,087
Food Service	55,025
Community Service	94,308
Debt Service	470,625
Trust & Agency	21,785
Student Activity	63,825
Total Funds on Hand	<u>\$ 3,236,655</u>

LITIGATION

There is no litigation threatened or pending questioning the organization or boundaries of the District or the right of any of its officers to their respective offices or in any manner questioning their rights and power to execute and deliver the Bonds or otherwise questioning the validity of the Bonds.

MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY

Municipalities are prohibited from filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (reorganization) or Chapter 7 (liquidation) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532) (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Instead, the Bankruptcy Code permits municipalities to file a petition under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, but only if certain requirements are met. These requirements include that the municipality must be "specifically authorized" under State law to file for relief under Chapter 9. For these purposes, "State law" may include, without limitation, statutes of general applicability enacted by the State legislature, special legislation applicable to a particular municipality, and/or executive orders issued by an appropriate officer of the State's executive branch.

Currently there is no statutory authority for Minnesota school districts to file for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Nevertheless, there can be no assurance (a) that State law will not change in the future while the Bonds are outstanding; or (b) even absent such a change in State law, that an executive order or other executive action could not effectively authorize the District to file for relief under Chapter 9; or (c) whether it would still be eligible for voluntary or involuntary relief under Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code other than Chapter 9 or under similar federal or state law or equitable proceeding regarding insolvency or providing for protection from creditors. Such action could impact the rights of holders of the Bonds. Such modifications could be adverse to holders of the Bonds and there could ultimately be no assurance that holders of the Bonds would be paid in full or in part on the Bonds.

SUMMARY GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Following are summaries of the revenues and expenditures and fund balances for the District's General Fund. These summaries are not purported to be the complete audited financial statements of the District, and potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District. Copies of the complete statements are available upon request. Appendix A includes the 2020 audited financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30				
	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2020-21 Unaudited ¹⁾	2021-22 Adopted Budget ²⁾
Revenues					
Local property taxes	\$1,380,475	\$1,520,317	\$1,769,081	\$1,940,918	\$1,692,746
Earnings on investments	211,062	229,507	211,126	18,372	5,000
State sources	5,638,277	6,021,470	5,933,807	5,986,493	5,832,184
Federal sources	290,537	252,441	259,828	451,157	367,625
Other	13,952	949	35,573	6,893	415
Total Revenues	\$7,534,303	\$8,024,684	\$8,209,415	\$8,403,833	\$7,897,970
Expenditures					
Current:					
Administration	\$560,287	\$601,181	\$464,870	\$520,438	\$533,615
District support services	404,084	345,155	311,194	288,962	365,104
Regular instruction	3,497,523	3,611,305	3,716,721	3,775,788	3,676,974
Vocational education instruction	90,353	99,366	99,327	114,296	109,764
Special education instruction	1,125,430	1,173,601	1,268,727	1,184,228	1,224,840
Instructional support services	57,506	86,390	131,635	263,918	130,789
Pupil support services	490,316	487,673	484,474	557,733	567,066
Sites and buildings	562,627	571,518	635,988	603,087	602,666
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	36,282	38,451	56,446	55,201	56,000
Capital outlay	360,721	642,304	2,003,519	374,495	469,765
Debt service	121,841	121,841	121,841	121,841	121,841
Total Expenditures	\$7,306,970	\$7,778,785	\$9,294,742	\$7,859,987	\$7,858,424
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	227,333	245,899	(1,085,327) ³⁾	543,846	39,546
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Sale of equipment proceeds	\$5,548	\$129	\$632	\$3,129	\$425
Operating transfers in	0	0	0	0	0
Operating transfers out	(10,000)	(10,000)	0	(10,000)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(4,452)	(9,871)	632	(6,871)	425
Net changes in Fund Balances	\$222,881	\$236,028	(\$1,084,695)	\$536,975	\$39,971
General Fund Balance July 1	3,325,662	3,548,543	3,784,571	2,805,920	3,342,895
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	106,044 ⁴⁾	0	0
Residual Equity Transfer in (out)	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund Balance June 30	\$3,548,543	\$3,784,571	\$2,805,920	\$3,342,895	
DETAILS OF JUNE 30 FUND BALANCE					
Restricted	\$245,908	\$367,226	\$642,371	\$507,713	
Assigned	610,259	1,754,039	189,223	689,223	
Unassigned	2,692,376	1,663,306	1,974,326	2,145,959	
Total	\$3,548,543	\$3,784,571	\$2,805,920	\$3,342,895	

1) The FY 2021 Unaudited Financials is as of September 7, 2021.

2) The 2021-22 budget was adopted on June 14, 2021.

3) The District approved a construction project for four (4) classrooms and an adjoining hallway that was primarily paid for from fund balance and partially paid by a \$453,000 lease purchase agreement that closed in April of 2000. The project was completed in FY 2020.

4) The District adopted GASB Statement No. 84 resulting in a change in accounting principle.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

The District, with a 2010 U.S. Census population of 4,223 and a current population estimate of 4,181, and comprising an area of 350 square miles, is located approximately 100 miles west of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

LARGER EMPLOYERS¹

Larger employers in the District include the following:

Firm	Type of Business/Product	Estimated No. of Employees
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Co-op	Sugar beet processing	900
Transystems	Trucking	110
I.S.D. No. 2890 (Renville County West)	Elementary and secondary education	105
Renville Nursing Home	Nursing home	90
Warner Manufacturing Co.	Tool manufacturing	75
Farmward Cooperative	Grain elevator	45
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Head start/Child day care center	34
UPS	Mailing and shipping services	30
Old Dominion Freight Line	Trucking-motor freight	26
K&M Manufacturing	Machinery seat manufacturing	25

Source: Data Axle Reference Solutions, written and telephone survey (September 2021), and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

¹ This does not purport to be a comprehensive list and is based on available data obtained through a survey of individual employers, as well as the sources identified above. Some employers do not respond to inquiries for employment data. Estimates provided are accurate as of the date noted and may not reflect changes in the number of employees resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic. (See "Risk Factors - Impact of the Spread of COVID-19").

U.S. CENSUS DATA

Population Trend: The District

2000 U.S. Census population	4,585
2010 U.S. Census population	4,223
2019 Population Estimate	4,181
Percent of Change 2000 - 2010	-7.90%

Income and Age Statistics

	The District	Renville County	State of Minnesota	United States
2019 per capita income	\$28,351	\$31,253	\$37,625	\$34,103
2019 median household income	\$62,218	\$59,028	\$71,306	\$62,843
2019 median family income	\$69,183	\$70,882	\$89,842	\$77,263
2019 median gross rent	\$648	\$635	\$977	\$1,062
2019 median value owner occupied units	\$89,700	\$106,300	\$223,900	\$217,500
2019 median age	40.5 yrs.	43.8 yrs.	38.0 yrs.	38.1 yrs.
	State of Minnesota		United States	
District % of 2019 per capita income	75.35%		83.13%	
District % of 2019 median family income	77.01%		89.54%	

Source: *2000 and 2010 Census of Population and Housing, and 2019 American Community Survey (Based on a five-year estimate), U.S. Census Bureau (<https://data.census.gov/cedsci>).*

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Rates are not compiled for individual communities within counties.

Year	<u>Average Employment</u>		<u>Average Unemployment</u>	
	Renville County	Renville County	Renville County	State of Minnesota
2017	8,491		4.4%	3.4%
2018	8,442		3.9%	3.0%
2019	8,705		4.4%	3.2%
2020	7,981		5.3%	6.2%
2021, July	8,070		3.9%	3.9%

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District's financial position. Such financial statements have been audited by the Auditor, to the extent and for the periods indicated thereon. The District has not requested or engaged the Auditor to perform, and the Auditor has not performed, any additional examination, assessments, procedures or evaluation with respect to such financial statements since the date thereof or with respect to this Preliminary Official Statement, nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of such financial statements in this Preliminary Official Statement. Although the inclusion of the financial statements in this Preliminary Official Statement is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the financial statements, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District represents that there have been no material adverse change in the financial position or results of operations of the District, nor has the District incurred any material liabilities, which would make such financial statements misleading.

Copies of the complete audited financial statements for the past three years and the current budget are available upon request from Ehlers.

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RENVILLE, MINNESOTA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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RENNVILLE COUNTY WEST
RENNVILLE, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2020

<u>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Carnie Aller	Chairperson	2020
Dale Negen	Vice-Chairperson	2022
Liza Fogen	Clerk	2020
Todd Tehar	Treasurer	2020
Dawn Bratich	Director	2022
Ryan Lippert	Director	2022
Maria Kramer	Director	2020

INTRODUCTORY SECTION

<u>SCHOOL OFFICIAL</u>	
Michelle Mortensen (resigned June 30, 2020)	Superintendent of Schools
Doug Froke (effective July 16, 2020)	Interim Superintendent of Schools



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2890
Renville County West
Renville, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 11 to the financial statements, in 2020, the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's basic financial statements. The introductory section, other supplementary information, and the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards compliance table listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The uniform financial accounting and reporting standards compliance table is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards compliance table is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section and other supplementary information have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the District's June 30, 2019 financial statements, and our report, dated November 7, 2019, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2020, on our consideration of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP

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Certified Public Accountants
Marshall, Minnesota

November 12, 2020

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
RENNVILLE COUNTY WEST
RENNVILLE, MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

As management of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota, we offer readers of this independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2019-2020 fiscal year include the following:

- Net position in the Statement of Net Position increased \$683,368 from the prior year to \$338,318. This increase was the result of a variety of factors including an increase in capital assets and decrease in District debt due to scheduled principal payments on long-term debt, partially offset by an increase in District debt due to new capital lease funding and pension expense.
- The General Fund balance decreased \$978,651 to \$2,805,920. The unassigned fund balance increased \$311,020 to \$1,974,326. This increase is mainly due to changes in the restricted and assigned categories of the General Fund. The decrease in overall General Fund balance is mostly due to paying for a majority of the classroom addition project with existing funds, partially offset by the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 and an increase in tax revenues. The combined total of the assigned and unassigned fund balance in the General Fund amounts to 22.5% of annual budgeted expenditures which meets the District's fund balance goal of a minimum of 10% of operating budget.
- The District completed a classroom addition project in fiscal year 2020. Total cost of the project was \$2,180,731. The project was paid for with a \$455,000 capital lease and with existing District funds through the General Fund.
- The District implemented GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, in the current year which establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. Based on the criteria, the District has determined that the activity in the District's student activities, trust fund and agency fund accounts should be included in the reporting entity. Beginning governmental activities net position has been restated from (\$550,030) to (\$244,006) (an increase of \$106,044), and the beginning fund balance in the General Fund has been restated from \$3,784,571 to \$3,890,615 (an increase of \$106,044).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual report consists of four parts. They are:

- Independent Auditor's Report,
- Required Supplementary Information which includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section),
 - Basic financial statements, notes to financial statements, and
 - Other supplementary information and other required reports and information.

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The government-wide financial statements, including the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements the District's activities are shown in one category:

- **Governmental Activities** – Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food service, and community education. Property taxes and state aids finance most of these activities.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds – focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – rather than the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain revenues.

The District has one kind of fund:

- **Governmental funds** – The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focuses on 1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information (reconciliation schedules) follows the governmental funds statements that explain the relationship (or differences) between these two types of financial statement presentations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)

NET POSITION
The District's combined net position was \$338,318 on June 30, 2020. This was an increase of 196.6% from the previous year total of (\$350,020). A summary of the District's net position is as follows:

	Net Position – Governmental Activities	Percentage Change
	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/30/2019</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 6,015,506	\$ 6,918,533
Capital Assets	14,968,213	13,165,740
Total Assets	<u>20,983,719</u>	<u>20,084,573</u>
Related to OPEB	262,125	199,106
Related to Pensions	3,455,546	5,170,099
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>3,717,671</u>	<u>5,369,505</u>
Current Liabilities	1,187,317	894,664
Noncurrent Liabilities	15,655,937	15,833,359
Total Liabilities	<u>16,833,254</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	2,072,414	2,308,044
Related to OPEB	2,515	–
Related to Pensions	5,464,889	6,767,761
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,539,818</u>	<u>9,075,805</u>
Invested in Capital Assets	5,101,934	3,211,377
Restricted	1,170,988	843,456
Unrestricted	(5,934,604)	(4,404,882)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 338,318</u>	<u>(\$350,020)</u>
		196.6%

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)

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CHANGE IN NET POSITION

The change in net position occurs as a result of revenue being greater than expenses and implementing GASB Statement No. 84 for the year ended June 30, 2020. A summary of the District's revenues and expenses is as follows:

	Change in Net Position – Governmental Activities	Percentage Change
	6/30/2020	6/30/2019
Revenues		
Program Revenues	\$ 230,745	\$ 222,236
Charges for Services	2,023,262	1,986,437
Operating Grants and Contributions	10,754	18,084
Capital Grants and Contributions		
General Revenues	2,305,955	2,052,465
Property Taxes	4,779,851	4,619,135
Unallocated Federal and State Aid	79,490	93,303
Other	<u>9,430,057</u>	<u>8,991,660</u>
Total Revenues	<u>89,430,057</u>	<u>4.9%</u>
Expenses		
District and School Administration	481,685	434,386
District Support Services	332,017	343,095
Regular Instruction	4,073,173	2,348,173
Vocational Instruction	111,840	60,558
Exceptional Instruction	1,317,225	923,144
Community Education and Services	133,132	118,060
Instructional Support Services	134,728	85,475
Pupil Support Services	910,671	841,133
Sale, Buildings and Equipment	659,229	643,424
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	56,446	38,451
Interest on Long-Term Debt	262,446	250,798
Depreciation – Unallocated	365,133	337,859
Total Expenses	<u>8,847,733</u>	<u>37.7%</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>582,324</u>	<u>2,566,904</u>
Beginning of Year Net Position,		
As Originally Stated	(350,050)	(2,916,954)
Prior Period Adjustment (GASB 84)	<u>106,044</u>	<u>–</u>
Beginning Net Position, as Restated	<u>\$ (244,006)</u>	<u>(2,916,954)</u>
End of Year Net Position	<u>\$ 338,318</u>	<u>196.6%</u>

The District's total revenues consisted of program revenues of \$2,264,761, property taxes of \$2,305,055, unallocated federal and state aids of \$4,779,851 and a small amount from interest and miscellaneous other sources. Expenses totaling \$8,847,733 consisted primarily of student instructional costs of \$5,502,246, student support services of \$1,045,399, administration costs of \$813,702, site, buildings and equipment costs of \$659,229, community education services of \$133,132 and minor other amounts.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$8,847,733.

- The users of the District's programs paid for 2.6% or \$230,745 of the costs
- The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions. This totaled \$2,034,016 or 23.0% of the total costs
- Most of the District's net cost of services (\$6,582,972), however, were paid for by state taxpayers based on the statewide education aid formula and by District taxpayers

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

FUND BALANCE

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$3,425,878. This was down from \$4,349,889 at the end of the prior year, a decrease of \$924,011. The General Fund decrease of \$978,651 is due to an increase in expenditures for the classroom addition project and salary and benefit costs, and a decrease in general education aid revenue from a reduction in students, partially offset by an increase in the tax levy and implementation of GASB Statement No. 84. The Food Service Fund had a decrease of \$251. This minimal change was due to revenues just covering expenditures. A decrease in student counts, decrease in commodities, distance learning due to the COVID-19 mandated shut-down, and increase in supplies and food for the distance learning period all contributed to this. The Community Service Fund increased \$44,186 mainly due to an increase in Pathways II funding, the District starting an after-school care program, and an increase in the levy, along with a decrease in salaries and supplies and materials because of programs not being able to take place after distance learning. The Building Construction Fund had proceeds from capital lease financing and interest totaling \$453,222 and expenditures of the same for the classroom addition, resulting in a change of \$0. The Debt Service Fund increased \$10,705 due to the required debt levy and state aid being greater than debt payments

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues and other financing sources of the District's governmental funds totaled \$9,849,375. This was an increase of 6.6% from the previous year total of \$9,215,722. Total expenditures and other financing uses were \$10,879,430. This was an increase of 22.0% from the previous year total of \$8,917,733. A summary of the revenues, expenditures, and other sources (uses) reported on the governmental financial statements is as follows:

	Revenues and Expenditures – Governmental Funds
Other Sources	Increase (\$Used) (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 9,294,742
Food Service Fund	319,319
Community Service Fund	170,584
Building Construction Fund	222
Debt Service Fund	453,000
Totals	<u>\$ 10,879,430</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 559,676
	<u>\$ 924,011</u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
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 RENVILLE, MINNESOTA
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) (Cont'd)

GENERAL FUND (Cont'd)

The General Fund is used by the District to record the primary operations of providing educational services to students from kindergarten through grade twelve. Pupil transportation activities, capital purchases and major maintenance projects are also included in the General Fund.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund revenues and other financing sources:

	Revenues – General Fund	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
	Year Ended 6/30/2020	Year Ended 6/30/2019	
Local Sources			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,769,081	\$ 1,520,317	\$ 248,764
Tuition Contracts	5,830	10,808	(45.9%)
Other Local Sources	240,849	219,648	21.201
State Sources			
Federal Sources	5,933,807	6,021,470	(87,663)
Total Revenues	<u>8,209,838</u>	<u>8,232,441</u>	<u>7,387</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	632	129	503
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 8,210,047</u>	<u>\$ 8,024,913</u>	<u>185,234</u>
Prior Period Adjustment			
GASB No. 84	<u>\$ 106,044</u>	<u>\$ 106,044</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 8,316,091</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,024,913</u></u>	<u><u>3.6%</u></u>

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures:

	Expenditures – General Fund	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
	Year Ended 6/30/2020	Year Ended 6/30/2019	
Salaries and Wages			
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,699,012	\$ 4,571,552	\$ 127,460
Purchased Services	1,208,452	1,287,781	(79,329)
Supplies and Materials	917,790	845,047	72,743
Other Expenditures	291,922	285,801	6,121
Capital Expenditures	52,206	24,459	27,747
Debt Service Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	2,003,519	642,304	1,361,215
Other Financing Uses	121,841	121,841	0.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 9,294,742</u>	<u>7,778,785</u>	<u>1,515,957</u>
Transfer Out to Other Funds			
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u><u>\$ 9,294,742</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,788,785</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,505,957</u></u>
	<u><u>(10,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,000)</u></u>	<u><u>(100.0%)</u></u>

In summary, the 2019-2020 General Fund expenditures exceeded revenues and other sources by \$978,651 resulting in the total fund balance decreasing to \$2,805,920 at June 30, 2020. After deducting statutory and accounting standards restrictions and fund balance policy assignments, the unassigned fund balance increased \$311,020 to \$1,974,26 at June 30, 2020. The District closely monitors the General Fund unassigned fund balance through its budgeting process throughout the year.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) (Cont'd)

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year ended June 30, 2020 the District revised its operating budget once. This revision was planned, and was necessary because when the initial budget was prepared and adopted a budget must be in place prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. On July 1 details of student enrollment numbers, salary details, staffing levels, and other significant information items were not yet known. This revision was made in March to reflect significant changes in enrollment data, state funding adjustments, and unforeseen changes in revenue and expenditure categories.

The District's final budget for the General Fund anticipated that expenditures and other financing uses would exceed revenues and other financing sources by \$1,529,672, the actual results for this year showed a deficit of (\$978,651).

- Actual revenues were \$1,28,248 or 16 percent more than budget. This was due mainly to a change in student count being used for general education budgeting purposes and more special education students served than anticipated.

- Actual expenditures were \$306,729, or 3.2 percent, less than budget. This was mainly due to spending less than expected for the classroom addition, fuel, and general instructional supplies for distance learning.

FOOD SERVICE FUND

The Food Service Fund revenue for 2019-2020 totaled \$319,319 and expenditures were \$319,570, resulting in a fund balance decrease of (\$251). This minimal change was due to revenues just covering expenditures. A decrease in student counts, decrease in commodities, distance learning, and an increase in supplies and food for the distance learning period all contributed to this. The June 30, 2020 Food Service Fund balance is \$55,025.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

The Community Service Fund revenue for the Community Service Fund were \$170,684 and total expenditures were \$126,498, resulting in a fund balance increase of \$44,186. This is mainly due to an increase in Pathway II funds, starting an after-school care program, and an increase in the levy along with a decrease in salaries and supplies and materials because of programs not being able to take place after distance learning. The Community Service Fund balance as of June 30, 2020 is \$94,308.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND

In 2019-2020, the total revenues and other financing sources were \$453,222 and total expenditures were \$453,222 for the Building Construction Fund. This resulted in no change to the fund balance. The fund was used to account for capital lease financing for the classroom addition and expenditures related the classroom addition. The fund balance is \$-0- at June 30, 2020.

DEBT SERVICE

In 2019-2020, total revenues were \$896,103 and total expenditures were \$865,398. This resulted in a total fund balance increase of \$10,705. The fund balance at June 30, 2020 is \$470,525.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) (Cont'd)

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS
 As of June 30, 2020, the District had net capital assets of \$14,968,213 representing a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings and improvements, computer and audio-visual equipment, and various other equipment for instructional support and administrative purposes. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$489,523. Information about the District's capital assets is shown below. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

	Capital Assets	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 10,350	10,350 0.0%
Buildings and Improvements	19,289,375	17,108,644 12.7%
Equipment and Vehicles	1,842,518	1,769,915 4.1%
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,174,030)</u>	<u>(5,723,169)</u> 7.9%
Net Capital Assets	\$ 14,968,213	13.7%

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

- At year-end, the District had \$8,565,000 in general obligation bonds outstanding. The District also had various other long-term liabilities as detailed in Note 5 to the financial statements.
- The District entered into a \$453,000 capital lease for the classroom addition project in the year ending June 30, 2020.
 - The District continues to pay its scheduled debt payments, retiring \$536,084 of bonds and capital leases in the year ending June 30, 2020.

	Outstanding Debt	Percentage Change
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 6,30/2020	\$ 6/30/2019
Capital Lease Obligations	\$ 5,653,000	\$ 9,010,000 (4.9%)
Total	<u>\$ 1,222,290</u>	<u>\$ 860,734 42.1%</u>
	<u>\$ 9,387,290</u>	<u>\$ 9,470,374 (0.8%)</u>

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

COVID-19 played a factor in 2019-2020 and will continue in 2020-2021. The additional revenue from the CARES ACT will hopefully offset most of the additional expenditures for PPE, transportation, and personnel. The Legislature approved foundation formula increases for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years. This has a very positive effect for school district operations and maintaining a balanced budget. Along with this, long-term facilities maintenance revenue was approved in the 2015 Legislative Session, began in 2016-2017, and will increase per pupil unit each year. This has a significant, positive effect for the District as the District has been working to maintain the facilities in the District. Economic conditions in Minnesota have been changing and hopefully the Legislature will continue to have options available to them in providing programs and support for E-12 education including the continued expansion of the universal pre-school for all four-year old's passed in the 2016 legislative session.

The District is a recipient of the funding for universal pre-school for all four-year old's beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year and now through the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This is bringing a significant change for school districts in Minnesota that were awarded grants. Continuation of the VPK program after 2020-2021 is still uncertain. The District also received significant funding for Pathways II beginning in 2017-2018, extended through 2020-2021. This has also brought significant revenue to the District.

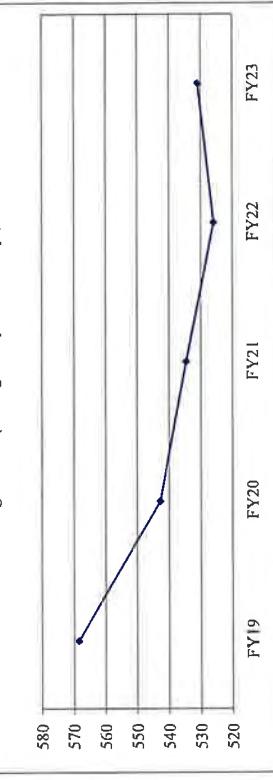
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) (Cont'd)
FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE (Cont'd)

On August 8, 2016 the District's voters supported renewing the expiring referendum revenue authorization of the District in the amount of \$1,528 per adjusted pupil unit which was scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2016. This referendum is in effect for 10 years.

The majority of labor contracts are in effect for two-year periods. The contract with District certified teachers is in effect for the two-year period ending June 30, 2021. The contract with the District's principal is in effect for the three-year period ending June 30, 2022. The contracts with other District personnel are in effect for the two-year period ending June 30, 2021. The District tries to be fair with staff during the negotiations process, but always needs to balance that approach with the availability of resources, along with looking at the long-term financial well-being of the District. Negotiated settlements are always an area of financial challenge for the District. Labor costs and related benefits account for approximately 64% of the District's General Fund operating expenditures.

The District's future projections reflect an overall decrease in enrollment. This impacts the District's funding since enrollment is what actually determines most of a school's funding components. Hence, if there was an increase in enrollment the District could anticipate an increase in revenues even if there were no increases in the formulas. Maintaining stability of the District's enrollment continues to be one of the District's goals. The District has seen a gradual decrease in enrollment across all grades. With the uncertainty that the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program will continue to be funded by the state, the District has taken the conservative approach to not include those numbers in its ADM's for FY22 and FY23. This is the reason you will see lower counts in FY22 and FY23.

Average ADMs (Average Daily Memberships)



CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide District citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If one has questions about this report or needs additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, 301 NE 3rd St., Renville, MN 56284, visit the District website at rcw.k12.mn.us, or call (320) 329-3362.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890

RENNVILLE COUNTY WEST

RENNVILLE, MINNESOTA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

(with Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2019)

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,073,569	\$ 4,583,209
Property Taxes Receivable-Net	1,209,282	1,334,827
Accounts and Interest Receivable	12,574	23,243
Due From State of Minnesota	552,132	718,356
Due From Federal Government	45,788	140,302
Due From Other Minnesota Districts	116,883	113,958
Inventory	5,278	4,938
Total Current Assets	<u>6,015,506</u>	<u>6,918,833</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets:		
Land	10,350	10,350
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	14,957,863	13,155,390
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>14,968,213</u>	<u>13,165,740</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>20,983,719</u>	<u>20,084,573</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to OPEB	262,125	199,106
Related to Pensions	<u>3,455,546</u>	<u>5,170,099</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>3,717,671</u>	<u>5,369,205</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 24,701,390</u>	<u>\$ 25,453,778</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Salaries Payable	\$ 14,310	\$ 17,601
Accounts and Interest Payable	443,377	188,259
Due to Other Governmental Units	105	5,200
Payroll Liabilities	75,034	70,468
Unearned Revenue	66,803	70,838
Current Portion of Long-Term Liabilities	587,688	542,298
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,187,317</u>	<u>894,664</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Net Pension Liability	4,594,881	4,619,057
Total OPEB Liability	1,613,750	1,649,934
Noncurrent Portion of Long-Term Liabilities	9,427,306	9,564,368
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>15,635,937</u>	<u>15,833,359</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>16,823,254</u>	<u>16,728,023</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	2,072,414	2,308,044
Related to OPEB	2,515	-
Related to Pensions	<u>5,464,889</u>	<u>6,767,761</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>7,539,818</u>	<u>9,075,805</u>
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,101,934	3,211,377
Restricted For:		
Capital Asset Acquisition	139,362	168,752
Debt Service	375,959	362,994
Food Service	55,025	55,276
Community Service	97,633	57,960
Other Activities	503,009	198,474
Unrestricted	(5,934,604)	(4,404,883)
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>338,318</u>	<u>(350,050)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 24,701,390</u>	<u>\$ 25,453,778</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
RENNILLE COUNTY WEST
RENNILLE, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
(with Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2019)

Functions/Programs	2020			2019		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities:						
District and School Administration	\$ 481,685				\$ (481,685)	\$ (434,386)
District Support Services	332,017				(332,017)	(343,095)
Regular Instruction	4,073,181	\$ 86,465	\$ 927,383	\$ 1,112	(3,058,221)	(1,326,118)
Vocational Instruction	111,840	105			(111,735)	(60,383)
Exceptional Instruction	1,317,225	1,026	746,290		(569,909)	(189,710)
Community Education and Services	133,132	51,860	61,296		(19,976)	(29,876)
Instructional Support Services	134,728	*	*		(134,728)	(85,475)
Pupil Support Services	910,671	89,589	273,291	4,006	(543,785)	(470,886)
Site, Buildings and Equipment	669,229	1,700		5,636	(661,893)	(630,962)
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	56,446	*	15,002		(41,444)	(38,451)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	262,446	*	*		(262,446)	(250,798)
Depreciation - Unallocated ***	365,133	-	-		(365,133)	(337,859)
Total Governmental Activities	8,847,733	230,745	2,023,262	10,754	(6,582,972)	(4,197,999)
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes Levied for:						
General Purposes				1,807,933	1,557,248	
Community Education and Service				53,261	44,912	
Debt Service				444,761	450,305	
Federal and State Aid Not						
Restricted to Specific Purposes				4,779,851	4,619,135	
Earnings on Investments				70,154	89,127	
Gain on the Disposal of Equipment				1,629	842	
Miscellaneous Revenues				7,707	3,334	
Total General Revenues	7,165,296				6,764,903	
Change in Net Position				582,324	2,566,904	
Net Position - Beginning of Year, As Originally Stated				(350,050)	(2,916,954)	
Prior Period Adjustment (GASB No. 84)				106,044	-	
Net Position - Beginning of Year, As Restated				(244,006)	(2,916,954)	
Net Position - Ending				\$ 338,318	\$ (350,050)	

** This line excludes direct depreciation expenses of the various programs

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
 RENVILLE COUNTY WEST
 RENVILLE, MINNESOTA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2020
 (with Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2019)

Major Funds						
	General	Food Service	Community Service	Building Construction	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
						2020
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ 3,337,258	\$ 36,192	\$ 138,833	\$ 18	\$ 561,268	\$ 4,073,569
Current Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 890,668	-	\$ 27,717	-	\$ 259,485	\$ 1,177,870
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	28,934	-	687	-	1,791	31,412
Accounts and Interest Receivable	101	1,020	11,452	1	-	12,574
Due From State of Minnesota	519,327	5,098	3,540	-	-	552,132
Due From Federal Government	27,615	-	18,173	-	-	45,788
Due From Other Minnesota Districts	116,883	-	-	-	-	116,883
Inventory	-	-	5,278	-	-	5,278
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,920,786	\$ 65,761	\$ 182,229	\$ 19	\$ 846,711	\$ 6,015,506
LIABILITIES						
Salaries Payable	\$ 10,702	\$ 824	\$ 2,784	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,310
Accounts Payable	321,100	121	8,310	19	-	329,550
Due to Other Governmental Units	105	-	-	-	-	105
Payroll Liabilities	75,034	-	-	-	-	75,034
Unearned Revenue	37,698	9,791	19,314	-	-	66,803
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 444,639	\$ 10,736	\$ 30,408	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ 485,802
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Property Taxes	28,934	-	687	-	1,791	31,412
Property Tax Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	1,641,293	-	56,826	-	374,295	2,072,414
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 1,670,227	-	\$ 57,513	-	\$ 376,086	\$ 2,103,826
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable Fund Balance	-	5,278	-	-	-	5,278
Restricted Fund Balances	642,371	49,747	94,308	-	470,625	1,257,051
Assigned Fund Balances	189,223	-	-	-	-	189,223
Unassigned Fund Balances	1,974,326	-	-	-	-	1,974,326
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,805,920	\$ 55,025	\$ 94,308	\$ -	\$ 470,625	\$ 3,425,878
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,920,786	\$ 65,761	\$ 182,229	\$ 19	\$ 846,711	\$ 6,015,506

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
RENNVILLE COUNTY WEST
RENNVILLE, MINNESOTA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020
(with Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	\$ 3,425,878	\$ 4,349,889
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land	10,350	10,350
Other Capital Assets, Net of \$6,174,030 of Accumulated Depreciation	14,957,863	13,155,390
Property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	31,412	24,856
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.	(113,827)	(116,322)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefits are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	3,455,546	5,170,099
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB	262,125	199,106
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(5,464,889)	(6,767,761)
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB	(2,515)	-
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and unamortized bond premium, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:		
Bonds Payable	(8,565,000)	(9,010,000)
Lease Purchase Agreements	(1,222,290)	(860,374)
Other Post Employment Benefits Payable	(1,613,750)	(1,649,934)
Severance Benefits Payable	(166,085)	(168,459)
Pension Benefits Payable	(4,594,881)	(4,619,057)
Unamortized Bond Premiums	<u>(61,619)</u>	<u>(67,833)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 338,318	\$ (350,050)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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RENNILLE COUNTY WEST

RENNILLE, MINNESOTA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

(with Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2019)

	General	Food Service	Community Service	Building Construction	Service	Debt	Total Governmental Funds
							2019
REVENUES							
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 1,769,081		\$ 550	\$ 53,233	\$ 222	\$ 446,210	\$ 2,014,870
Other Local and County Revenues	211,126		23,825	85,835	8,225	241,668	305,958
Revenue From State Sources	5,933,807		31,616				6,230,916
Revenue From Federal Sources	259,828		209,355				469,183
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	35,573		85,589				121,162
TOTAL REVENUES	8,209,415		319,319	170,684	222	696,103	9,205,593
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
District and School Administration	464,870						464,870
District Support Services	311,194						311,194
Regular Instruction	3,716,721						3,716,721
Vocational Instruction	99,327						99,327
Exceptional Instruction	1,268,727						1,268,727
Community Education and Services				126,498			1,173,601
Instructional Support Services	131,635						126,498
Pupil Support Services	484,474			317,049			131,635
Site, Buildings and Equipment	635,988				23,565		801,523
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	56,446						659,553
Capital Outlay:					429,657		56,446
Debt Service:							38,451
Principal	91,084					445,000	536,084
Interest	30,757					240,398	271,155
							283,046
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,294,742		319,570	126,498	453,222	685,398	10,879,430
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,085,327)		(251)	44,186	(453,000)	10,705	(1,483,687)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							297,800
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	632				453,000		632
Proceeds from Capital Lease							453,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	632			(453,000)			453,632
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,084,695)		(251)	44,186		10,705	(1,030,655)
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,784,571		55,276	50,122		459,920	4,349,889
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (GASB No. 84)	106,044						4,051,960
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED	3,890,615		55,276	50,122		459,920	4,455,933
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 2,805,920		\$ 55,025	\$ 94,308	\$ -	\$ 470,625	\$ 3,425,378
							\$ 4,349,889

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
(with Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2019)

	2020	2019
Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ (1,030,055)	\$ 297,929
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the period.		
Capital Outlays	2,292,249	474,347
Depreciation Expense	(489,523)	(461,860)
Proceeds from the sale/trade of capital assets are reported in governmental funds as other financing sources without regard to any cost basis adjustment. However, for governmental activities those proceeds are adjusted for any remaining cost basis of the assets that were disposed.	(253)	(25,255)
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the Statement of Net Position. In the current period these amounts consist of:		
Repayment of Bond Principal	445,000	435,000
Repayment of Capital Lease Principal	91,084	87,893
Long-term borrowing is reported as revenue (other financing sources) in governmental funds, but these proceeds increase long-term liabilities on the Statement of Net Position. In the current period these amounts consisted of:		
Capital Lease Financing	(453,000)	-
Interest on long-term debt is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as it accrues regardless of when it is due. In addition, the amortization of bond premium decreases interest expense in the Statement of Activities.	8,709	32,248
Property taxes that will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year end are not considered available revenues in the governmental funds, and are instead considered unavailable tax revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the Statement of Activities.	6,556	8,047
In the Statement of Activities, other post employment benefits are measured by the amounts actuarially accrued during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of actual or implicit resources used.	96,688	82,999
Governmental funds recognized pension contributions as expenditures at the time of payment whereas the Statement of Activities factors in items related to pensions on a full accrual perspective.		
State Aid Related to Pension Expense	26,129	(222,822)
Pension Expense	(413,634)	1,770,063
In the Statement of Activities, severance benefits are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts paid).	2,374	88,315
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 582,324	\$ 2,566,904

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB pronouncements are recognized as U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota (the District) is an instrumentality of the State of Minnesota established to function as an educational institution. The elected School Board (Board) is responsible for legislative and fiscal control of the District. A Superintendent is appointed by the Board and is responsible for administrative control of the District.

U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require that the District's financial statements include all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other organizations which are not legally separated from the District. In addition, the District's financial statements are to include all component units – entities for which the District is financially accountable.

Financial accountability includes such aspects as appointing a voting majority of the organization's governing body, significantly influencing the programs, projects, activities or level of services performed or provided by the organization or receiving specific financial benefit from, or imposing specific financial burden on, the organization. These financial statements include all funds of the District. There are no other entities for which the District is financially accountable.

Student activities are determined primarily by student participants under the guidance of an adult and are generally conducted outside school hours. The School Board does have a fiduciary responsibility in establishing board policies and ensuring that appropriate financial records are maintained for student activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, and Minnesota Statute, the District's School Board does exercise control or oversight responsibility with respect to the underlying student activities. Accordingly, the student activity funds are included in these financial statements.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues*. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Depreciation expense that can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. Generally, the effect of material interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION (Cont'd)

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a fiduciary capacity. No assets of the District were determined to be of this nature, so no fiduciary funds are presented.

Proprietary funds are used to report business-type activities carried on by a school district. No activities of the District were determined to be of this nature, so no proprietary funds are present in the financial statements.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are generally recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, transactions are recorded in the following manner:

1. Revenue Recognition – Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property tax revenue is generally considered as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota Statutes and U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Minnesota Statutes include state aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. Food service sales, community education tuition, and other miscellaneous revenue (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenues when received because they are generally not measurable until then. Investment earnings are recorded when earned because they are measurable and available. A six-month availability period is generally used for other fund revenue.

2. Recording of Expenditures – Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred. However, expenditures are recorded as prepaid for approved disbursements or liabilities incurred in advance of the year in which the item is to be used. Principal and interest on long-term debt issues are recognized on their due dates.

Description of Funds

The existence of the various District funds has been established by the State of Minnesota, Department of Education. The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. A description of the funds included in this report is as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. It includes the general operations and pupil transportation activities of the District, as well as the capital related activities such as maintenance of facilities, equipment purchases, health and safety projects, and disabled accessibility projects.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Cont'd)
Governmental Funds (Cont'd)

Food Service Fund – The Food Service Fund is used to account for food service revenues and expenditures
 Community Service Fund – The Community Service Fund is used to account for services provided to residents in the areas of recreation, civic activities, nonpublic pupils, veterans, adult or early childhood programs or other similar services

Building Construction Fund – The Building Construction Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the construction of major capital facilities

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs

GASB Statement No. 34 specifies that the accounts and activities of each of the District's most significant governmental funds (termed "major funds") be reported in total. Although only the General Fund and Debt Service Fund are major funds by definition, the District has elected to report all funds as major funds and therefore presents all funds in separate columns on the fund financial statements – an option permitted by GASB Statement No. 34.

E. BUDGETING

Budgets presented in this report for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Each June, the School Board adopts an annual budget for the following fiscal year for the General, Food Service, Community Service, Building Construction, and Debt Service Funds. The approved budget is published in summary form in the District's legal newspaper by November 30 of each year. Reported budget amounts represent the amended budget as adopted by the School Board. Legal budgetary control is at the fund level.

Procedurally, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements, the Superintendent submits to the School Board prior to July 1, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means to finance them. The budget is legally enacted by School Board action. Revisions to budgeted amounts must be approved by the School Board

Total fund expenditures in excess of the budget require approval of the School Board. Spending control is established by the amount of expenditures budgeted for the fund, but management control is exercised at line item levels. Budget provisions for the Debt Service Fund are set by state law governing required debt service levels

Unencumbered expenditure appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbrances are generally not recorded

F. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments include balances from all funds that are combined and invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. Earnings from the pooled investments are allocated to the individual funds based on the average of month-end cash and investment balances. Investments are reported at fair value

Cash and investments at June 30, 2020 are comprised of deposits, certificates of deposit, and shares in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) and Minnesota Trust Investment. The MSDLAF is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under Rule 2-a-7. The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

F. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

The District has formal policies in place as of June 30, 2020 to address custodial credit risk for deposits. The District does not have formal policies in place to address credit risk, concentration of credit risk and interest rate risk and custodial credit risk for investments

G. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable represent amounts receivable from individuals, firms, and corporations for goods and services furnished by the District. Amounts due from the State of Minnesota and from other governmental units for general education aids and reimbursements under various specific programs are reported at the estimated amounts to be received based on available information at the date of this report. In some instances, adjustments and proportion by these agencies, which are dependent upon the amount of funds available for distribution, may result in differing amounts actually being received. Any such differences will be absorbed into operations of the subsequent period. No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is deemed necessary. The only receivables not expected to be collected within one year are delinquent property taxes receivable, which are generally immaterial.

H. INVENTORIES

Inventories are recorded using the consumption method of accounting and consist of purchased food, supplies and surplus commodities received from the federal government. Food and supply purchases are recorded at invoice cost, computed on a first-in, first-out method, and surplus commodities are stated at standardized cost, as determined by the Department of Agriculture

I. PREPAYMENTS

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepayments. Prepaid items are reported using the consumption method and recorded as an expense or expenditure at the time of consumption

J. PROPERTY TAXES

The School Board annually adopts a tax levy and certifies it to the County in December for collection in the following year. The County is responsible for collecting all property taxes for the District. These taxes attach as an enforceable lien on taxable property within the District on January 1 and are payable by the property owners in May and October of each year. The taxes are collected by the County Auditor/Treasurer and tax settlements are made to the District periodically throughout the year

Statutory funding formulas determine the majority of the District revenue in the General and special revenue funds. This revenue is divided between property taxes and State aids by the legislature based on education funding priorities. Changes in this allocation are periodically accompanied by a change in property tax revenue recognition referred to as the "tax shift." The remaining portion of taxes collectible in 2020 is recorded as a deferred inflow of resources (property tax levied for subsequent year's expenditures)

Taxes that remain unpaid are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. Revenue from these delinquent property taxes that is not collected within 60 days of year-end is reported as a deferred inflow of resources (unavailable revenue) in the fund financial statements because it is not known to be available to finance the operations of the District in the current year

K. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 for capitalizing capital assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

K. CAPITAL ASSETS (Cont'd)

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statement, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 20 to 50 years for land improvements and buildings, and 5 to 15 years for equipment.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress, if any.

L. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Existing bonded debt is reported at the face value of remaining indebtedness. For any new indebtedness that may be issued, bond premiums and discounts will be deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable will be reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as an expense in the period incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, and principal payments are reported as debt service expenditures.

M. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to losses, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditure) until then.

N. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the governmental funds Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

O. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The District recognized total pension expense of \$776,855 for the following statewide pension plans in which it participates:

Teachers Retirement Association

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

O. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

Teachers Retirement Association (Cont'd)
TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota. City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. This direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association in 2015.

Public Employees Retirement Association

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

P. ACCRUED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Vacation Pay

Non-certified full-time employees are annually granted one to four weeks vacation depending on years of service; one week after one year, two weeks for between two and five years of service, three weeks between six and twelve years of service, and four weeks after thirteen years of service. Certified employees are not granted vacations.

Sick Pay

Substantially all District employees are entitled to sick leave at various rates. For certain employees, unused sick leave enters into the calculation of severance pay upon termination.

Severance Pay

The District has an early retirement plan for full time teachers, confidential employees and principals who have completed at least fifteen years of continuous full time service and are at least fifty-five years of age.

At June 30, 2020, a liability for severance pay totaling \$166,085 is included in long-term debt in the Statement of Net Position as described in Note 5.
The District also offers health insurance to various groups of employees who are at least fifty-five years old and have served the District for ten to fifteen years at retirement. The health insurance for qualifying retirees will continue until they reach the age of sixty-five. Contribution by the District depends upon which group the employee is in at retirement.

Matching Deferred Annuity Program

Matched deferred compensation is available to various groups of employees who are regularly employed at the District. The District will match the annual employee's contribution, based on years of service, to an approved 403(b) annuity as outlined in the master agreements of the various groups.

Q. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to lorts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, natural disasters and workers compensation. The District purchases commercial insurance coverage for such risks.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year in any of the District's policies. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

R. FUND BALANCE

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – consists of amounts that cannot be spent because it is not in spendable form, such as inventory items or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions

Committed – consists of amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action (resolution) of the School Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts

Assigned – consists of amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School Board itself or by an official to which the School Board delegates the authority. Pursuant to School Board resolution, the Finance Coordinator is authorized to establish assignments of fund balance

Unassigned – is the residual classification for the General Fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds

If resources from more than one fund balance classification could be spent, the District will strive to spend resources from fund balance classifications in the following order (first to last): restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as determined by the School Board

The District has formally adopted a fund balance policy. To ensure the financial strength and stability of the District, the Board will endeavor to maintain at least 10% of the District's General Fund operating budget, excluding those accounts associated within the restricted category, in the combined total of the General Fund committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances

S. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide financial statements. Net position invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations imposed on its use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position items that do not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted" are reported as unrestricted.

T. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

U. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation. The total amount of the District's prior year fund balance did not change due to these reclassifications

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2020, the District had no funds with negative fund balances

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. DEPOSITS

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the School Board, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System. Minnesota Statutes require that all District deposits be secured by a bank guarantee bond or 110% of collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk: For deposits, is the risk that, in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2020, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk, because it was insured and properly collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent and in the District's name.

B. INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District's investments were not exposed to interest rate risk at June 30, 2020

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District's investments were not exposed to credit risk at June 30, 2020

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The District has no formal investment policy that places limits on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the District's investments are in MSDIAF, Minnesota Trust Investment Shares, and Minnesota Trust Term Series Custodial Credit Risk. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investments were not exposed to custodial credit risk at June 30, 2020

The following table presents the District's cash and investment balances at June 30, 2020:

Cash/Investment Type	Credit Rating	Average Maturities	Percentage of Total
Pooled Cash and Investments:			
Money Market Funds	N/A	N/A	23.1%
Minnesota Trust Investment Shares	N/A	63.4	\$ 940,651
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	4.06 Months	2,579.117
Checking Account	N/A	7.1	290,534
Petty Cash	N/A	6.4	261,267
		0.0	2,000
Total Cash and Investments			\$ 4,073,569

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3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

B. INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Cash and Investments are presented in the June 30, 2020 basic financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:

Current Assets:

Cash and Investments

\$ 4,073,569

C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The District's cash and investments consist of checking accounts, petty cash, certificates of deposit, and shares in Minnesota's pooled investment accounts, none of which is subject to fair value measurement under GASB Statement No. 72.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 was follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ <u>10,350</u>			\$ <u>10,350</u>
Land				
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>10,350</u>			<u>10,350</u>
Being Depreciated				
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Land Improvements	\$ 52,562			\$ 52,562
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 16,56,082	\$ 2,180,731		\$ 18,736,813
Equipment and Transportation Vehicles	\$ 1,769,915	\$ 111,118	\$ 38,915	\$ 1,842,518
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>18,878,559</u>	<u>2,292,249</u>	<u>38,915</u>	<u>21,131,893</u>
Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	\$ 390,684	\$ 10,904		\$ 401,588
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 4,231,188	\$ 351,665		\$ 4,583,053
Equipment and Transportation Vehicles	\$ 1,101,297	\$ 126,754	\$ 38,662	\$ 1,189,389
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,723,169</u>	<u>489,523</u>	<u>38,662</u>	<u>6,174,030</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>13,155,390</u>	<u>1,802,726</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>14,957,863</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$13,155,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,802,726</u>	<u>\$ 253</u>	<u>\$ 14,968,213</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the District as follows:

Governmental Activities	\$ 314
District and School Administration	\$ 4,243
District Support Services	\$ 13,817
Regular Instruction	\$ 650
Vocational Instruction	\$ 238
Exceptional Instruction	\$ 860
Community Education and Services	\$ 91,092
Pupil Support Services	\$ 13,116
Site, Buildings, and Equipment	\$ 365,133
Unallocated	\$ 489,523
Total Depreciation Expense, Governmental Activities	\$ 116,121

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5. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

Under the provisions of Minnesota Statute §475.53 subd. 4, the District's net debt may not exceed 15% of the estimated market value of all taxable property within the District. The District is in compliance with this provision.

Long-term debt is comprised of the following as of June 30, 2020:

	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Maturity Date	Debt Outstanding
Governmental Activities				
Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2012A	2.00 – 3.00%	\$ 6,120,000	2032	\$ 3,840,000
General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A	2.00 – 3.00%	\$ 3,360,000	2035	4,725,000
Capital Lease Payable	4.47%	\$ 620,202	2026	340,304
Capital Lease Payable	2.94%	\$ 74,900	2027	428,986
Capital Lease Payable	3.50%	\$ 453,000	2036	453,000
Severance Pay Payable				166,985
Unamortized Premiums				61,619
Total Outstanding Long-Term Debt				\$10,14,994

General Obligation Bonds

On May 24, 2012, the District issued \$6,120,000 of General Obligation Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2012A. The proceeds of this bond issue were used for ventilation, air handling, and indoor air quality improvements to the existing facility. The District will levy property taxes for the retirement of these bonds. Principal and interest payments on these bonds are recorded in the Debt Service Fund. Interest paid in 2019-2020 was \$10,566.

Capital Lease Obligations

On March 18, 2015, the District issued \$3,360,000 of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A. The proceeds of this bond issue were used for construction of new classrooms, weight room, and gymnasium. The District will levy property taxes for the retirement of these bonds. Principal and interest payments on these bonds are recorded in the Debt Service Fund. Interest paid in 2019-2020 was \$14,738.

Capital Lease Obligations

On September 23, 2011, the District entered into a fifteen-year lease agreement for \$620,202 with Green Campus Partners, LLC. The lease calls for fifteen annual payments of \$57,587 including principal and interest at a rate of 4.47%. The lease proceeds were used to make improvements to the school building and will be paid for from regular General Fund revenues. The total cost of the building improvements was \$620,202. Total accumulated depreciation on this asset was \$105,434 at June 30, 2020. Interest paid in 2019-2020 was \$17,029.

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5. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

A. DESCRIPTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (Cont'd)

Capital Lease Obligations (Cont'd)

On April 23, 2020, the District entered into a fifteen-year lease agreement for \$453,000 with Bremer Bank. N.A. The lease calls for thirty semi-annual payments of \$19,721 including principal and interest at a rate of 3.50%. The lease proceeds were used for the new classroom building addition facility and will be paid for from regular General Fund revenues. The total cost of the new building was \$2,180,731, of which \$453,000 was financed under the lease. Total accumulated depreciation on this asset was \$21,572 at June 30, 2020. Interest paid in 2019-2020 was \$0.

These assets serve as collateral for the related capital lease and are being depreciated using a straight-line method over the life of the asset.

B. MINIMUM DEBT PAYMENTS

Minimum annual principal and interest payments to retire general obligation bonds payable are as follows:

General Obligation Bonds Payable	Principal	Interest	Year Ending June 30
	\$ 450,000	\$ 231,498	2021
	460,000	222,498	2022
	470,000	213,298	2023
	480,000	203,898	2024
	490,000	193,698	2025
	505,000	76,7618	2026 - 2030
	3,410,000	312,900	2031 - 2035
	<u>\$ 8,565,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,145,408</u>	

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of the minimum lease payments of the capital leases as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Building Improvements Principals	\$ 141,562	Year Ending June 30
	161,283	2021
	161,283	2022
	161,283	2023
	161,282	2024
	472,964	2025
	197,206	2026-2030
	19,721	2031-2035
		2036
Net Minimum Lease Payments		
Less Amount Representing Interest		
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>1,476,584</u> <u>(254,294)</u>	<u>\$ 1,222,290</u>

5. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

C. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due within One Year
Governmental Activities	\$ 4,115,000			\$ 275,000	\$ 3,840,000
Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2012A					\$ 280,000
Building Bonds, Series 2015A	4,895,000			170,000	4,725,000
Capital Lease Payable	380,962			40,658	340,304
Capital Lease Payable	479,412			50,426	428,986
Severance Pay Payable			\$ 453,000	-	453,000
Unamortized Premiums	168,459		-	2,374	166,085
	67,833		-	62,14	6,214
	<u>\$10,106,666</u>		<u>\$ 453,000</u>	<u>\$ 544,672</u>	<u>\$ 10,014,994</u>
					<u>\$ 37,688</u>

6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The District follows Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPEB PLAN

1. Plan Description

The District's defined benefit OPEB plan, Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's "retirees' health insurance plan (the Plan), provides OPEB for certain retired employees of the District. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. Benefit and eligibility provisions are established through individual contracts and negotiations between the District and various unions representing District employees and are renegotiated each two-year bargaining period.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Paragraph four of GASB Statement No. 75. OPEB benefits have historically been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. For fiscal year 2020, the District paid benefits of \$216,392 from the General Fund.

2. Benefits Provided

The District provides health insurance benefits for certain retired employees under a single-employer fully-insured plan. Minnesota Statute 471.61 subd 2b requires that government entities allow active employees who retire from the District when eligible to receive a retirement benefit from the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) or Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and do not participate in any other health benefits program providing similar coverage with respect to both themselves and their eligible dependents(s) under the District's health benefits program. Retiree and District responsibility as to amount of premium covered are dependent upon employee classification at retirement. Since the premium is a blended rate determined on the entire active and retiree population, the retirees are receiving an implicit rate subsidy.

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6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

A. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPEB PLAN (Cont'd)

3. Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At July 1, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	12
Active employees	<u>97</u>

B. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,613,750 was measured as of July 1, 2019, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as July 1, 2019. The "entry age" with level percentage of pay" actuarial cost method as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 75 was used to calculate the total OPEB liability.

1. Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Service graded table range from 2.85% to 11.25%
Discount rate	3.10%
Healthcare cost trend rate	6.50% in 2019 grading to 5.00% over 6 years

The discount rate was based on the estimated yield of 20-Year AA-rated municipal bonds.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation (July 1, 2019 measurement) were made in conformity with Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. Assumptions were based on various rationale that included a variety of published sources of historical and projected future financial data and various studies or experience studies. The retirement and withdrawal assumptions used were similar to those used to value pension liabilities for Minnesota School District employees. The rates are based on the Teacher Retirement Association of Minnesota actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014. The full list of assumptions and rationale are included in the District's OPEB plan report, which may be obtained by writing or calling the District.

C. CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,649,934
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	\$ 56,401
Interest	\$ 54,659
Assumption changes	(3,018)
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 54,880
Benefit payments	(199,106)
Net changes	(36,184)
Balance at July 1, 2019 (reporting date June 30, 2020)	<u>\$ 1,613,750</u>

D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB

Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,649,934	Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,613,750
Changes in the benefit terms since the prior measurement date:		Changes in the benefit terms since the prior measurement date:	
None		None	
Increases		Increases	
The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical		The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2016 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale.	
The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00% per year for all employees to rates		The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00% per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and contract group	
The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%		The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%	
1. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate		1. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	
The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:		The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:	
1 percent decrease	\$ 1,670,699	1 percent decrease	\$ 1,557,442
1 percent increase	\$ 1,613,750	1 percent increase	\$ 1,680,56
2. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates		2. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	
The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:		The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:	
1 percent decrease	\$ 1,554,716	1 percent decrease	\$ 1,544,716
1 percent increase	\$ 1,613,750	1 percent increase	\$ 1,680,56
D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB		D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB	
For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$119,704. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:		For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$119,704. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 45,733	Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 45,733	Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$ -
Benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date	\$ -	Benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 2,515
Total	<u>\$ 262,125</u>	Total	<u>\$ 2515</u>

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- 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Cont'd)**
D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB
 \$216,392 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30	OPEB Expense Amount
2021	\$ 8,644
2022	\$ 8,644
2023	\$ 8,644
2024	\$ 8,644
2025	\$ 8,642
Thereafter	-

7. FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION

At June 30, 2020, a summary of the governmental fund balance classifications is as follows:

Restricted for:	Food Service Fund	General Fund	Community Service Fund	Building Construction Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Inspenpendable: Inventory	\$ 5,278	-	\$ 5,278	-	-	\$ 5,278
Sale Schools - Crime	47,729	-	-	-	-	47,729
Operating Capital	139,362	-	-	-	-	139,362
Achievement and Integration	4,728	-	-	-	-	4,728
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance	253,543	-	-	-	-	253,543
Staff Development	65,994	-	-	-	-	65,994
Basic Skills Extended Time	41,304	-	-	-	-	41,304
Medical Assistance	2,101	-	-	-	-	2,101
Scholarships	21,785	-	-	-	-	21,785
Student Activities	63,825	-	-	-	-	63,825
Fund Service	49,247	-	-	-	-	49,247
Community Education	-	-	12,678	-	-	12,678
Early Childhood Family Education	-	-	12,709	-	-	12,709
School Readiness	-	-	35,153	-	-	35,153
Debt Service	-	-	28,104	-	-	28,104
Assigned for:	642,371	49,247	94,306	-	-	781,924
Library	23,138	-	-	-	-	23,138
Separation/Retirement Benefits	189,085	-	-	-	-	189,085
Unassigned:	1,974,326	-	-	-	-	1,974,326
Total Fund Balance:	\$ 2,405,920	\$ 55,025	\$ 94,306	\$ 470,625	\$ 3,495,878	

The District is reporting a negative restricted fund balance in Community Education at June 30, 2020. Minnesota Statutes require the District to report a deficit in the restricted fund balance, when applicable, in order to permit the substitutory revenue formula calculations. This deficit will be offset with future operating tax levies.

- 8. PENSION PLANS**
 Substantially all employees of the District are required by State law to belong to pension plans administered by Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) or Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), all of which are administered on a statewide basis. Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

1. Plan Description
 The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and is administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St Paul schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by the State of Minnesota.

2. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service/credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989 receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described:

Tier I:

Basic 1st ten years of service
 All years after 2.20% per year
 2.70% per year

Coordinated 1st ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006
 1st ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after
 All other years of service if service years are
 up to July 1, 2006 1.40% per year
 All other years of service if service years are
 July 1, 2006 or after 1.70% per year
 1.90% per year

With these provisions:

(a) Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.

(b) 3.00% per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age
 (c) Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more)

or

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

2. Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

Tier II:
 For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.70% per year for coordinated members and 2.70% per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.90% per year for Coordinated members and 2.70% per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree - no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

3. Contribution Rate

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2020 were:

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020
Basic	Employee 11.00%	Employee 11.00%	Employee 11.00%
Coordinated	Employee 11.50%	Employee 11.71%	Employee 11.92%
	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
		7.71%	7.92%

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's CAFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer contributions reported in TRA's CAFR,
 Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position \$ 403,300,000

Add employer contributions not related to future

contribution efforts (688,000)

Deduct TRA's contributions not included in allocation _____ (486,000)

Total employer contributions

402,126,000

Total non-employer contributions

35,588,000

Total contributions reported in *Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations* \$ 437,714,000

8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

3. Contribution Rate (Cont'd)

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

The District's contributions to the TRA plan for the year ended June 30, 2020 were \$255,513. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions set by state statute.

4. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability	
Actuarial Information	
Valuation Date	July 1, 2019
Experience Study	June 5, 2015 November 6, 2017 (economic assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Growth Rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% after June 30, 2028
Projected Salary increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% to 9.25% after June 30, 2028
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.00% for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.10% each year up to 1.50% annually
Mortality Assumptions	
Pre-retirement	RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.
	The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)
 A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

4. Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)
 The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric Mean)
Domestic Equity	35.50%	5.10%
International Equity	17.50%	5.30%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
Fixed Income	20.00%	0.75%
Unallocated Cash	2.00%	0.00%
Total	100.00%	

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2019 is six years. The *Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions, and Changes in Proportion* use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for *Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments* is five years as required by GASB Statement No. 68

The following changes in benefit and funding terms and actuarial assumptions occurred in 2019:

Changes in the benefit and funding terms since the prior measurement date:

- None
- Changes in actuarial assumptions since the prior measurement date:

5. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. There was no change since the prior measurement date. The proportion of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2019 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted, and as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

6. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$3,505,712 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contribution to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct and from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.0550% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0561% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

1 percent decrease	Current	1 percent increase
(\$6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)

8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)
 A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

6. Net Pension Liability (Cont'd)

District's proportionate share of net pension liability State's proportionate share of the net pension liability Total	\$ 3,505,712	\$ 3,104,141
		<u>\$ 3,816,124</u>
For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$634,299. This amount is inclusive of \$23,595 which is recognized as pension expense (and grant revenue) for the support provided by direct aid		
On June 30, 2020, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:		
		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 561	\$ 86,008
Changes in actuarial assumptions	3,003,406	4,740,441
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	296,092
Changes in proportion	38,986	92,544
Contributions paid to TRA subsequent to the measurement date	255,513	-
Total	\$ 3,239,406	\$ 5215,085

The \$255,513 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to TRA payments will be recognized in pension expense as follows

Year ended June 30

Pension Expense Amount

2021	\$ 179,895
2022	\$ (19,693)
2023	\$ (1,357,215)
2024	\$ (937,155)
2025	\$ (18,014)
Thereafter	\$ -

7. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability of TRA calculated using the discount rate of 7.50% as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate.

District proportionate share of NPL	Current	1 percent increase
\$ 3,505,712	\$ 1,788,103	

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

7. Pension Liability Sensitivity (Cont'd)

The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions, including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District.

8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MnTeachersTRA.org, or by writing to TRA, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55103-4000, or by calling 651-295-2409 or 800-657-3669.

9. Subsequent Events and the COVID-19 Pandemic Subsequent to Year-End

The United States and global markets experienced declines in values resulting from uncertainty caused by COVID-19. The resulting declines are expected to have a negative impact on TRA's discount rate as well as the value of the plan's investments. Any impact caused by the resulting declines have not been included in the Schedules as of June 30, 2019.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

1. Plan Description

The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District, other than teachers, are covered by the General Employees Plan. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

2. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan Benefits

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.20% of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 1.70% for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.70% of average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

2. Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

Annuities, disability benefits, and survivor benefits are increased effective every January 1. Beginning January 1, 2019, the postretirement increase will be equal to 50% of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1.00% and a maximum of 1.50%. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024, or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

3. Contributions

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature.

General Employees Fund Contributions

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50% of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2020 and the District was required to contribute 7.50% for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2020 were \$107,708. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

4. Pension Costs

General Employees Fund Pension Costs

At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$1,089,169 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the fund in 2019. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$33,832. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportionate share was 0.0197% which was a change of 0.0000% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2018.

District's proportionate share of net pension liability

Associated with the District	<u>\$ 33,832</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1123,001</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$142,556 for its proportionate share of General Employees Plan's pension expense. This amount is inclusive of \$2,534 which is recognized as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the General Employees Fund.

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)
 B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

4. Pension Costs (Cont'd)

At June 30, 2020, the District reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 31,164	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	88,595
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	116,522
Changes in proportion	18,268	44,687
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	<u>107,708</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 157,140</u>	<u>\$ 249,804</u>

The \$107,708 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30

Pension Expense Amount

2021	\$ (66,512)
2022	\$ (113,809)
2023	\$ (21,807)
2024	\$ 1,756
2025	\$ -
Thereafter	\$ -

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50% per year
Active Member Payroll Growth	3.25% per year
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and dependents were based on RP-2014 tables for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments to fit PERA's experience. Cost of living benefit increases after retirement for retirees are assumed to be 1.25% per year for the General Employees Plan.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study in the General Employees Plan was completed in 2019. Economic assumptions were updated in 2018 based on a review of inflation and investment return assumptions.

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

5. Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2019:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018
- Changes in Plan Provisions
 - The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31 million to \$21 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16 million due per year through 2031.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	35.50%	5.10%
International Equity	17.50%	5.90%
Fixed Income	20.00%	0.75%
Private Markets	5.50%	0.00%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	0.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5.05%</u>

6. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2019 was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed by plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees Fund was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

7. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the General Employees Fund, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate.

District proportionate share of General Employees Fund NPL	Current	1 percent increase (8.50%)	1 percent decrease (6.50%)
\$1,790,535	\$1,089,169	\$510,052	\$1,089,169

8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

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8. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

9. Subsequent Events and the COVID-19 Pandemic Subsequent to Year-End

The United States and global markets experienced declines in values resulting from uncertainty caused by COVID-19. The resulting declines are expected to have a negative impact on PERA's discount rate as well as the value of the Plan's investments. Any impact caused by the resulting declines have not been included in the Schedules as of June 30, 2019.

9. OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENT

Equipment Lease
 The District entered into operating lease agreements for various pieces of equipment. These leases call for monthly payments ranging from \$102 to \$1,113 and end on various dates through September 29, 2023. Expenditures under these leases were \$14,688 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Future minimum lease obligations under these agreements are as follows:

2021	\$ 14,577
2022	\$ 14,577
2023	\$ 1,224
2024	\$ 306
2025	\$ -

Operating Lease

The District entered into an operating lease agreement for the use of the gymnasium from the City of Danube on July 1, 2019. This lease call for annual payments of \$5,000 throughout the term of the lease. This lease expires on June 30, 2024. Expenditures under this lease were \$5,000 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Future minimum lease obligations under these agreements are as follows:

2021	\$ 5,000
2022	\$ 5,000
2023	\$ 5,000
2024	\$ 5,000
2025	\$ -

10. GASB STANDARD ISSUED BUT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* was issued to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The Statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognizes as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Statement No. 87 is effective for implementation for the year ended June 30, 2022.

11. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

The beginning net position of the governmental activities and the beginning fund balance of the General Fund has been increased to reflect a change in accounting principle. The District implemented GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, in the current year which establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. Generally, the focus of the criteria relates to 1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and 2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Based on the criteria, the District has determined that the activity in the District's student activities, trust fund and agency fund accounts should be included in the reporting entity. Beginning governmental activities net position has been restated from (\$340,050) to (\$244,006) (an increase of \$106,044), and the beginning fund balance in the General Fund has been restated from \$3,784,571 to \$3,890,615 (an increase of \$106,044). Prior year partial comparative information does not reflect this change in accounting principle because prior years have not been recalculated under GASB Statement No. 84.

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
AND RELATED RATIOS
 JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
AND RELATED RATIOS

Measurement Date	7/1/2019	7/1/2018	7/1/2017
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 56,401	\$ 59,268	\$ 57,542
Interest	54,659	56,839	58,177
Assumption changes	(3,018)	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	54,880	-	-
Benefit payments	(199,106)	(155,988)	(157,606)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(36,841)	(59,881)	(41,887)
Total OPEB liability – beginning	1,649,934	1,689,815	1,731,702
Total OPEB liability – ending	<u>\$ 1,613,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,934</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,702</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 3,743,287	\$ 3,959,399	\$ 3,853,785
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	43.11%	41.57%	43.85%

**** Note:** The District implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75 for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Schedules within the Required Supplementary Information section require a ten-year presentation, but do not require retroactive reporting. Information prior to 2018 is not available. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Note: This schedule is presented using the optional format of combining the required schedules in paragraphs 170(a) and 170(b) of GASB Statement No. 75.

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TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (LAST TEN YEARS*)

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
	Measurement Date	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	
6/30/19	0.0350%	\$ 3,505,712	\$ 3,816,126
6/30/18	0.0361	3,326,182	3,311,210
6/30/17	0.0359	1,115,654	1,078,607
6/30/16	0.0360	13,357,736	12,337,261
6/30/15	0.0354	3,427,038	1,340,272
6/30/14	0.0385	2,695,638	189,588

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
	Measurement Date	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	
6/30/20	0.03513	\$ 255,513	\$ 3,227,222
6/30/19	0.03814	240,814	1,024,649
6/30/18	0.03666	232,666	3,101,720
6/30/17	0.03460	225,460	3,008,697
6/30/16	0.03357	218,357	2,981,851
6/30/15	0.03393	215,393	2,891,927

* Option to provide RSF for ten years at transition or to provide RSI prospectively.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (LAST TEN YEARS*)

Contributions in Relation to its Statutory Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to its Statutory Required Contribution		Contributions in Relation to its Statutory Required Contribution
	(b)	(b)	
Fiscal Year Ending			
6/30/20	\$ 255,513	\$ 255,513	\$ 3,227,222
6/30/19	240,814	240,814	1,024,649
6/30/18	232,666	232,666	3,101,720
6/30/17	225,460	225,460	3,008,697
6/30/16	218,357	218,357	2,981,851
6/30/15	215,393	215,393	2,891,927

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2008)

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL FUND SERVICES AND
WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

2008 Budgeted Amounts		2009		Increase (Decrease) Actual		2010		2009 Budgeted Amounts		2010		Increase (Decrease) Actual	
Original	Final	Actual	Variance	#(\$)	Actual	Variance	#(\$)	Original	Final	Actual	Variance	#(\$)	Actual
EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)													
Instructional Support Services													
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,202	\$ 59,702	\$ 61,712	\$ 6,981	\$ 7,244	\$ 4,148	+3,907	\$ 5,572	\$ 10,494	\$ 10,396	-106	-1,255	(1,465)
Employee Benefits	1,105	1,311	1,044	1,177	1,177	1,177	0	1,321	1,073	1,073	0	0	(1,182)
Instructional Services	81,467	76,771	75,983	9,177	9,177	9,177	0	10,000	10,226	10,226	0	0	(2,432)
Supplies and Materials	2,346	2,500	1,812	668	1,510	1,510	0	14	10,859	10,859	0	0	0
Total	\$ 92,458	\$ 143,208	\$ 131,655	\$ 15,573	\$ 66,390	\$ 4,245	+3,907	\$ 26,100	\$ 22,705	\$ 22,705	0	0	0
Plant Support Services													
Salaries and Wages	58,148	34,833	34,954	2,579	33,732	2,092	+3,908	14,000	10,226	10,226	0	0	0
Employee Benefits	65,223	65,122	63,136	1,806	59,138	1,399	+3,908	14,000	10,226	10,226	0	0	0
Facilities Services	96,158	96,614	71,200	73,114	73,114	73,114	0	10,000	10,226	10,226	0	0	0
Supplies and Materials	61,100	52,213	41,441	11,579	51,023	11,579	0	14,000	10,226	10,226	0	0	0
Total	\$ 260,621	\$ 213,560	\$ 186,075	\$ 26,424	\$ 86,163	\$ 13,245	+3,908	\$ 20,000	* * *	* * *	0	0	0
Salaries and Equipment													
Salaries and Wages	241,411	261,170	258,318	3,152	256,647	5,721	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Employee Benefits	62,170	65,786	64,231	1,155	61,274	2,957	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Purchased Services	143,496	227,352	262,215	36,011	57,241	20,626	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Supplies and Materials	52,150	52,213	50,793	1,420	49,984	918	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	1,800	1,625	1,625	0	1,755	152	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Total	\$ 260,621	\$ 213,560	\$ 186,075	\$ 26,424	\$ 86,163	\$ 13,245	+3,908	\$ 20,000	* * *	* * *	0	0	0
Fines and Other Fixed Cost Programs:													
Personnel Services	40,000	40,446	40,446	0	34,451	1,905	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Professional Services	50,500	11,000	16,600	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	40,500	51,446	56,446	5,000	39,851	1,795	+3,908	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ 51,446	\$ 56,446	\$ 5,000	\$ 39,851	\$ 1,795	+3,908	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0	0	0
Capital Outlay:													
Local Support Services	30,000	138,533	147,511	17,511	23,340	10,899	+3,908	97,772	106,950	106,950	0	0	0
Regular Instruction	7,000	13,535	13,835	3,300	13,293	2,244	+3,908	23,150	22,744	22,744	0	0	0
Vocational Instruction	7,000	17,165	17,515	3,350	17,165	2,771	+3,908	18,140	17,734	17,734	0	0	0
Top Support Services	82,500	87,165	89,064	11,900	93,247	13,377	+3,908	107,100	107,373	107,373	0	0	0
Site, Building and Equipment	78,000	101,145	101,256	10,111	101,254	13,324	+3,908	111,125	111,125	111,125	0	0	0
Total	\$ 249,500	\$ 213,560	\$ 186,075	\$ 26,424	\$ 86,163	\$ 13,245	+3,908	\$ 319,220	\$ 315,740	\$ 315,740	0	0	0
Principal:													
Interest	91,084	91,084	91,084	0	87,955	3,191	+3,908	3,570	3,570	3,570	0	0	0
Total	\$ 30,757	\$ 121,841	\$ 121,841	\$ 0	\$ 30,757	\$ 3,191	+3,908	\$ 319,310	\$ 319,310	\$ 319,310	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES													
REVENUES													
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES													
OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES													
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES													
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES													
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR													
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (GASB No. 84)													
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE													
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES													
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR AS RESTATED													
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR													
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE													
SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS													
Operating Capital													
Instructional and Support Services													
Student Activities													
School Operations													
Facilities and Equipment													
Other Restricted Funds													
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE													
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE													
Current Assets													
Operating Fund Assets													
Investment Fund Assets													
Other Current Assets													
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE													
TOTAL FUND BALANCE													

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actuals for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

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	2019 Budgeted Amounts*		2019 Actual		2019 Variance		2019 Actual		2019 Increase (Decrease)	
	Original	Plan	Actual							
REVENUES										
Local Property Tax Levies:										
Community Service Levy	\$55,526	\$52,029	\$52,233	\$	213	\$	-44,707	\$	5,526	
Other Local and County Revenues:										
Tuition and Fees from Parents	10,010	56,165	\$1,460		(4,615)		24,991		76,869	
2,000	2,000	2,000			2,000		911		1,113	
30,000	20,000	22,177			12,177		34,579		(3,122)	
Miscellaneous Local Income	62,400	78,465	\$65,825		2,370		61,521		23,114	
Movements From Fund Suspense										
Debits: Vol.	460	994	991		-		860		131	
1,514	1,418	1,506			(9)		1,328		182	
1,514	1,418	1,415			1,415		2,415		*	
2,125	2,125	2,070			3,660		20,110		52,525	
Community Education	26,152	26,532	21,616		3,059		26,759		92,927	
TOTAL REVENUE/Y%	147,539	169,022	170,684		10,662		127,007		35,677	
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
Community Education And Services:										
State and Local Taxes	113,997	105,398	92,206		13,606		99,311		0 (9,681)	
Instruction	12,411	12,148	11,267		1,094		11,134		13	
Student Support Services	1,500	3,602	6,774		1,172		5,463		3,111	
Supplies and Materials	17,200	17,127	16,067		1,060		15,641		(3,579)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	145,110	139,065	126,408		12,567		141,749		(12,259)	
Excess of Revenues over Under Expenditures	1,439	20,957	44,166		21,239		(4,742)		45,928	
Other Financing Sources	10,000	10,000	-		(10,000)		10,000		(10,000)	
Sources of Revenues and Other										
*FUNDING THRESHOLD										
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	80,122	50,122	50,122		-		44,654		54,238	
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 62,550	\$ 81,079	\$ 94,308	\$	13,239	\$	50,122	\$	40,186	
FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS										
MOVEMENT IN FUND BALANCE										
Community Education	\$ (2,619) **				\$ (1,179) **					
Tuition and Fees from Parents	1,189				1,044					
Payroll and Related Family Payments	56,135				36,944					
Total Restricted Fund Balance	28,164				16,972					
FINAL RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$ 94,209				\$ 50,122					
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 94,209				\$ 50,122					

** Required by MN Statute to record a deficit, unless applicable, in order to permit statutory revenue formula calculation.

1. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Paragraph four of GASB Statement No. 75.

2019 Changes
Changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date:

- None
- Changes in actuarial assumptions since the prior measurement date:
 - The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases
 - The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2016 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (Clerical, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale
 - The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00% per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and contract group.
 - The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%

2018 Changes
Changes in Benefit Terms:

- None
- Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:
 - None

2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS
The following changes were reflected in the valuations performed on behalf of the following defined benefit pension plans for the fiscal years (measurement date) ending June 30:
Teachers Retirement Association

2019 Changes
Changes in Benefit and Funding Terms:

- None
- Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:
 - None

2018 Changes
Changes in Benefit and Funding Terms:
The 2018 Omnibus Pension Bill contained a number of changes

- The COLA was reduced from 0.00% each January 1, 2019 to 0.00%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) will increase 0.10% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.50% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.50% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to 0.00% beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 1.00% to 3.00%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.50% to 7.50%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years, (7.1% in 2018, 7.22% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula

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 RENVILLE COUNTY WEST,
 RENVILLE, MINNESOTA
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2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

Teachers Retirement Association (Cont'd)

2018 Changes (Cont'd)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Benefit and Funding Terms:

- None

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The COLA was assumed to increase from 2.00% annually to 2.50% annually on July 1, 2045
- The COLA was not assumed to increase to 2.50%, but remain at 2.00% for all future years.
- Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.40% to 0.00%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.00% to 7.00% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.00% to 9.00%.
- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.00% to 7.50%.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%.
- The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 3.00%.
- The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 2.85% for ten years followed by 3.25% thereafter.
- The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.

2016 Changes

Changes in Benefit and Funding Terms:

- None

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The COLA was not assumed to increase for funding or the GASB calculation. It remained at 2.00% for all future years. The assumed investment return was changed from 8.00% to 6.66%. The single discount rate was changed from 8.00% to 4.65%.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- The general wage growth and payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.75% to 3.50%.
- Minor changes at some durations for the merit scale of the salary increase assumption.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
- The post-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
- The post-disability mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.
- Separate retirement assumptions for members hired before or after July 1, 1989 were created to better reflect each group's behavior in light of different requirements for retirement eligibility.
- Assumed termination rates were changed to be based solely on years of service in order to better fit the observed experience.
- A minor adjustment and simplification of the assumption regarding the election of optional forms of payment at retirement were made.

2015 Changes

Changes in Benefit and Funding Terms:

- The Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association was merged into TRA on June 30, 2015. This also resulted in a state-provided contribution stream of \$14.377 million until the system becomes fully funded.

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 JUNE 30, 2020

2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

Teachers Retirement Association (Cont'd)

2015 Changes (Cont'd)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015 valuation assumed 2.00%. The prior year valuation used 2.00% with an increase to 2.50% commencing in 2034. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00%. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25%. Details, if necessary, can be obtained from the TRA CAFR.
- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015 valuation assumed 2.00%. The prior year valuation used 2.00% with an increase to 2.50% commencing in 2034. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00%. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25%. Details, if necessary, can be obtained from the TRA CAFR.

Public Employees Retirement Association

General Employees Fund

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.
- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31 million to \$21 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16 million due per year through 2031.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter to 1.25% per year.
- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00% to 3.00%, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00%, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Post-retirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00% per year with a provision to increase to 2.50% upon attainment of 90% funding ratio to 50% of a Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00% and not more than 1.50%, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches Normal Retirement Age. Does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.86% for active members and 60.00% for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.00% for active member liability, 15.00% for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00% for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00% per year for all years to 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter.
- The State's special funding contribution increased from \$6 million to \$16 million.
- The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement changed from \$21 million to \$31 million in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state's contribution changed from \$6 million to \$5 million in calendar year's 2019 to 2031.

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 JUNE 30, 2020

2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)
General Employees Fund (Cont'd)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00% per year through 2035 and 2.50% per year thereafter to 1.00% per year for all future years
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.90% to 7.50%. The single discount rate was changed from 7.90% to 7.50%.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25% to 3.25% for payroll growth and 2.50% for inflation.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- None

2015 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00% per year through 2030 and 2.50% per year thereafter to 1.00% per year through 2035 and 2.50% per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- On January 1, 2015 the Minneapolis Employers Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised, the State's contribution of \$6 million, which meets the special funding situation definition, was due September 2015.

3. BUDGETS, STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets presented for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Reported budget amounts represent the amended budget as adopted by the School Board. Legal budgetary control is at the fund level.

Procedurally, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements, the Superintendent submits to the School Board prior to July 1, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means to finance them. The budget is legally enacted by School Board action. Revisions to budgeted amounts must be approved by the School Board

Total fund expenditures in excess of the budget require approval of the School Board. Spending control is established by the amount of expenditures budgeted for the fund, but management control is exercised at line item levels.

A. DEFICIT SPENDING

The fiscal year 2020 budget approved by the School Board projected deficit spending in the following fund:

Fund	
General Fund	\$1,529,672

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2899
 RENVILLE COUNTY WEST
 NEW HALE, MINNESOTA
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019
 (with Comparisons Against Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

		2019 Budgeted Amounts	2019 Actual	Variance	2019 Actual	2019 (Increase) Actual
		\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
REVENUES						
Other Local And County Revenues:						
Interest From Investments						
EXPENDITURES						
Construction:						
Site Buildings and Equipment:						
Purchase Services						
Capital Outlay:						
Site Building and Equipment						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES						
Proceeds from Capital Lease						
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (OVER) EXPENDITURES						
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR						
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR						

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
RENNILLE COUNTY WEST
RENNILLE, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE AND COMPLIANCE
JUNE 30, 2020

**INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED**

2020-001

Audit Adjustments

Condition: During our audit, we proposed audit adjustments that resulted in significant changes to the District's financial statements. This finding was reported in the prior year audit as finding number 2019-001. The District's corrective action plan for the prior year audit filed with the Minnesota Department of Education stated that the District will review the prior year journal entries to determine training needs and will contract with the SW/WC Service Cooperative. The District has continued to work with the service cooperative to prepare the annual audit adjustments.

Effect: A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions to prevent or detect misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis. One control deficiency that typically is considered significant is identification by the auditor of a misstatement in the financial statement not initially identified by the entity's internal controls. This could affect the District's ability to initiate, record, process and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Cause: The Service Cooperative prepared a majority of the year end entries; however all accounts were not reviewed for accuracy, requiring the auditors to propose significant journal entries to unearned revenue, receivables, and expenditures.

Criteria: The District's accounting staff should prepare journal entries during the year, or at a minimum, at year end to convert the cash basis general ledger to a modified accrual basis general ledger. The external auditor's staff cannot be considered to be part of the District's internal control and should not be relied upon to propose a significant number of material audit adjustments.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District's accounting staff continue to work towards its goal of preparing all required year end adjustments. If the District determines that this plan is not attainable, the plan should be amended to reflect the attainable goal.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The District agrees with the finding and the auditor's recommendations will be adopted.

ITEM ARISING IN CURRENT YEAR

2020-002

Commodity Requests Not Filed Timely

Condition: During our audit, we noted that commodity reports/orders were not filed timely, resulting in lost benefits.

Effect: A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. This could affect the District's ability to initiate, record, process and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. If reporting requirements to agencies are not completed timely, funding can be affected, which in turn affects the District's cash flow.

Cause: Commodity request timelines were overlooked by the Food Service Director.

Criteria: Commodity requests should be prepared and submitted by due dates.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Food Service Director prepare and submit commodity requests timely.

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RENNIE, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS ON INTERNAL CONTROL, STRUCTURE AND COMPLIANCE
JUNE 30, 2020

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING (Cont'd)

ITEM ARISING IN CURRENT YEAR (Cont'd)

2020-002 Commodity Requests Not Filed Timely (Cont'd)

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The District agrees with the finding and the auditor's recommendations will be adopted.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS RESOLVED

Finding 2019-002: Payment of Contracts

The District paid an employee but did not have a contract on file for that employee

Resolution

The District implemented a review process to ensure employees have signed contracts on file prior to being paid.

Finding 2019-003: Payment of Purchase Orders for Sporting Events and Officials

The Auditor noted one disbursement of 25 sampled that did not have adequate supporting documentation on file for a volleyball official.

Resolution

The District implemented a process to ensure contract listing sheets were on file for all payments made to sporting event workers

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS RESOLVED

Finding 2019-004: IC-134 Not Obtained

The District did not obtain an IC-134 (Withholding Affidavit for Contractors) with the contractors of various projects requiring employment of employees by contractor.

Resolution

The District obtained an IC-134 for the current year work with various contractors requiring the employment of employees

Finding 2019-005: Quotes Not Obtained for Assets and Projects Between \$25,000 and \$175,000

The District did not obtain quotes for required projects and purchases

Resolution

The District obtained two or more quotes for purchases or projects between \$25,000 and \$175,000 in the current year.

Finding 2019-006: Contracts for Fuel

The District did not give adequate published notice for requests of fuel contract quotations and did not keep written quotes received on file.

Resolution

The District followed Minnesota Statute § 123B.52 subd. 3 for fuel contracts.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
RENNIE, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS ON INTERNAL CONTROL, STRUCTURE AND COMPLIANCE
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
JUNE 30, 2020

2020-001 Audit Adjustments

Auditor Recommendation

We recommend that the District's accounting staff continue to work towards its goal of preparing a required year end adjustments. If the District determines that this plan is not attainable, the plan should be amended to reflect the attainable goal.

Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding

There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Action Planned in Response to Finding

The District still intends to follow the corrective action plan previously filed with the Minnesota Department of Education. The District will continue to contract with SW/WC Service Cooperative.

3. Official Responsible for Insuring CAP

The School Board is the official responsible for insuring corrective action of the deficiency.

4. Planned Completion Date for CAP

This plan has been and will continue to be implemented during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

5. Plan to Monitor Completion of CAP

The School Board will be monitoring this corrective action plan

2020-002 Commodity Requests Not Filed Timely

Auditor Recommendation

We recommend that the Food Service Director prepare and submit commodity requests timely.

Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding

There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Action Planned in Response to Finding

The Food Service Director will make sure commodity requests are being filed on time.

3. Official Responsible for Insuring CAP

The School Board is the official responsible for insuring corrective action of the deficiency.

4. Planned Completion Date for CAP

This plan will be implemented during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

5. Plan to Monitor Completion of CAP

The School Board will be monitoring this corrective action plan



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2890
Renville County West
Renville, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2020

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings on internal control structure and compliance, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings on internal control structure and compliance as item 2020-001 to be a material weakness

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings on internal control structure and compliance as item 2020-002 to be a significant deficiency

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Independent School District No. 2890, Renville, Minnesota's Response to Findings

Independent School District No. 2890, Renville, Minnesota's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings on internal control structure and compliance corrective action plan. Independent School District No. 2890, Renville, Minnesota's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP

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Marshall, Minnesota

November 12, 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2890
Renville County West
Renville, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2020.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Minnesota failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards for school districts sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 65.05, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2890
Renville County West
Renville, Minnesota

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota, for the year ended June 30, 2020, we considered the District's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of the following opportunity for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. We previously reported on the District's internal control and any related significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in our report dated November 12, 2020. This letter does not affect our report dated November 12, 2020, on the financial statements of Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota.

- Due to the limited number of office personnel within Independent School District No. 2890, Renville County West, Renville, Minnesota, segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not always possible. The District has responded to this deficiency by implementing various oversight controls by the School Board and Management. These oversight controls help to mitigate the risk to the organization created by the lack of segregation of duties within the accounting function. However, the risks that are created by the lack of segregation of duties can never be completely eliminated. The School Board and Management should continue to be diligent in their review of financial transactions, and document these procedures by initialing invoices, and approving expenditure reports.

If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact us.

Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP

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Certified Public Accountants

Marshall, Minnesota

November 12, 2020

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Fiscal Compliance

Fiscal Compliance Report - 6/30/2020 District: RENWILL COUNTY WEST (2890-1)

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01 GENERAL FUND

Total Revenue	\$8,209,415	\$8,209,415	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$9,294,742	\$8,294,743	(\$1)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non Spendable:						
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.31 Student Activities	\$63,825	\$63,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.02 Scholarships	\$21,785	\$21,785	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.03 Staff Development	\$65,394	\$65,394	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.08 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.13 Project Funded by COP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.14 Operating Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.17 Taconic Building Maint	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.35 Contradicted All. Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.36 State Approved All. Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.40 Teacher Development and Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$4,728	\$4,728	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.49 Safe School Crime - Crime Levy	\$47,729	\$47,729	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.52 OPEB Lib Not In Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.53 Unfinished Say & Religimi Levy	\$41,304	\$41,304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$255,543	\$255,543	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.67 LTFM	\$2,101	\$2,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.73 PPP Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.74 EIDL Loan Restricted:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.75 Tilt VII Impact Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.76 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Committed:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.61 Committed Fund Balance Assigned:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance Unassigned:	\$189,223	\$189,224	(\$1)	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,974,326	\$1,974,326	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

02 FOOD SERVICES

Total Revenue

Non Spendable:

 4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance:

 4.52 OPEB Lib Not in Trust

 4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance:

 4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance:

APPENDIX B

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

(See following pages)



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\$ _____
Independent School District No. 2890
(Renville County West Public Schools)
Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Minnesota
General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds
Series 2021A

We have acted as bond counsel to Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Minnesota (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the “Bonds”), originally dated November 4, 2021, and issued in the original aggregate principal amount of \$_____. In such capacity and for the purpose of rendering this opinion we have examined certified copies of certain proceedings, certifications and other documents, and applicable laws as we have deemed necessary. Regarding questions of fact material to this opinion, we have relied on certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other documents furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. Under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions in effect on the date hereof, and based on the foregoing we are of the opinion that:

1. The Bonds have been duly authorized and executed, and are valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

2. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes for the Issuer’s share of the cost of the improvements, but if necessary for the payment thereof additional ad valorem taxes are required by law to be levied on all taxable property of the Issuer, which taxes are not subject to any limitation as to rate or amount.

3. Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the recipient for federal income tax purposes and, to the same extent, is excludable from taxable net income of individuals, trusts, and estates for Minnesota income tax purposes, and is not a preference item for purposes of the computation of the federal alternative minimum tax, or the computation of the Minnesota alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals, trusts and estates. However, such interest is subject to Minnesota franchise taxes on corporations (including financial institutions) measured by income. The opinion set forth in this paragraph is subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and from taxable net income for Minnesota income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes and taxable net income for Minnesota income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. We express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth herein.

4. The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

5. The resolution adopted by the School Board of the Issuer on September 13, 2021, obligates the Issuer to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55. We express no opinion as to the enforceability of the provisions of that law against the State of Minnesota (the "State") in the absence of appropriated and available funds to pay the obligations of the State thereunder.

We have not been asked and have not undertaken to review the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds, and accordingly we express no opinion with respect thereto.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update, revise, or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Dated November ___, 2021 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

APPENDIX C

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for [each issue of] the Securities, [each] in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. [If, however, the aggregate principal amount of [any] issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.]
2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.
3. Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.
4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. [Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.]
6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.
7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).
8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, Agent, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.
9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent's DTC account.
10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.
11. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.
12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

APPENDIX D

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

(See following pages)

\$ _____
Independent School District No. 2890
(Renville County West Public Schools)
Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Minnesota
General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds
Series 2021A

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

November ___, 2021

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Minnesota (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of its General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds"), in the original aggregate principal amount of \$ _____. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to resolutions adopted by the School Board of the Issuer (the "Resolutions"). The Bonds are being delivered to _____ (the "Purchaser") on the date hereof. Pursuant to the Resolutions, the Issuer has covenanted and agreed to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events. In addition, the Issuer hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) of the Bonds in order to assist the Participating Underwriters (as defined herein) in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule"). This Disclosure Certificate, together with the Resolutions, constitutes the written agreement or contract for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds that is required by the Rule.

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the defined terms set forth in the Resolutions, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" means the Issuer's Audited Financial Statements.

"Audited Financial Statements" means the financial statements of the Issuer, audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm, and prepared in accordance with GAAP as prescribed by GASB or as otherwise required by Minnesota law for the preceding Fiscal Year, including a balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

"Bonds" means the General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, issued by the Issuer in the original aggregate principal amount of \$ _____.

"EMMA" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system operated by the MSRB as the primary portal for complying with the continuing disclosure requirements of the Rule.

"Financial Obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a Financial Obligation as described in clause (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Fiscal Year” means the fiscal year of the Issuer.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units as prescribed by GASB.

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“Holder” means the person in whose name a Bond is registered or a beneficial owner of such a Bond.

“Issuer” means Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Minnesota, which is the obligated person with respect to the Bonds.

“Material Event” means any of the events listed in Section 4(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board located at 1300 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds (including the Purchaser) required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

“Purchaser” means _____.

“Repository” means EMMA.

“Rule” means SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time, and including written interpretations thereof by the SEC.

“SEC” means Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Report. To the extent such information is customarily prepared by the Issuer and is publicly available, the Issuer shall provide the Annual Report to the Repository not later than twelve (12) months after the end of the Fiscal Year commencing with the year that ends June 30, 2021. The Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which have been submitted to the Repository or the SEC. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must also be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package.

Section 4. Reporting of Material Events.

(a) This Section 4 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following events if material with respect to the Bonds:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
7. Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
8. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
9. Defeasances;
10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
11. Rating changes;
12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Issuer shall file a notice of such occurrence with the Repository or with the MSRB within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the Material Event.

(c) Unless otherwise required by law and subject to technical and economic feasibility, the Issuer shall employ such methods of information transmission as shall be requested or recommended by the designated recipients of the Issuer's information.

Section 5. EMMA. The SEC has designated EMMA as a nationally recognized municipal securities information repository and the exclusive portal for complying with the continuing disclosure requirements of the Rule. Until the EMMA system is amended or altered by the MSRB and the SEC, the Issuer shall make all filings required under this Disclosure Certificate solely with EMMA.

Section 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the redemption in full of the Bonds or payment in full of the Bonds.

Section 7. Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a dissemination agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor dissemination agent.

Section 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause a violation of the Rule. This Disclosure Certificate, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that the Issuer delivers to the Repository, an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that those portions of the Rule which require the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate are invalid, have been repealed retroactively or otherwise do not apply to the Bonds. The provisions of the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate may be amended without the consent of the Holders of the Bonds, but only upon the delivery by the Issuer to the Repository, of the proposed amendment and an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such amendment, and giving effect thereto, will not adversely affect the compliance of the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate and by the Issuer with the Rule.

Section 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

Section 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Holder of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Resolutions and this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default with respect to the Bonds and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 11. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Participating Underwriters and Holders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this Disclosure Certificate in our official capacities effective as of the date and year first written above.

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890
(RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS),
RENVILLE AND KANDIYOHİ COUNTIES,
MINNESOTA**

Chair

District Clerk

APPENDIX E

TERMS OF PROPOSAL

\$3,160,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2890 (RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA

Proposals for the purchase of \$3,160,000 General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds") of Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District") will be received at the offices of Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, municipal advisors to the District, until 10:30 A.M., Central Time, and **ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS** will be received via **PARITY**, in the manner described below, until 10:30 A.M. Central Time, on October 7, 2021, at which time they will be opened, read and tabulated. On September 13, 2021, the School Board adopted a resolution which authorizes designated officials of the District to accept proposals on the Bonds on October 7, 2021. The School Board will meet on October 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to ratify and approve the sale of the Bonds. The proposal offering to purchase the Bonds upon the terms specified herein and most favorable to the District will be accepted unless all proposals are rejected.

PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, including Section 475.67, subdivision 3, by the District, for the purpose of effecting a refunding of certain outstanding general obligations of the District. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged.

DATES AND MATURITIES

The Bonds will be dated November 4, 2021, will be issued as fully registered Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof, and will mature on February 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2023	\$260,000	2027	\$315,000	2031	\$345,000
2024	290,000	2028	320,000	2032	350,000
2025	300,000	2029	330,000		
2026	310,000	2030	340,000		

ADJUSTMENT OPTION

* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

TERM BOND OPTION

Proposals for the Bonds may contain a maturity schedule providing for any combination of serial bonds and term bonds, subject to mandatory redemption, so long as the amount of principal maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in each year conforms to the maturity schedule set forth above. All dates are inclusive.

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES AND RATES

Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2022, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY FORMAT

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be designated in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of interests between its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial interests of the individual purchasers of the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments of principal and interest will be made to the depository which, in turn, will be obligated to remit such payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

PAYING AGENT

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2030 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2029 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

DELIVERY

On or about November 4, 2021, the Bonds will be delivered without cost to the winning bidder at DTC. On the day of closing, the District will furnish to the winning bidder the opinion of bond counsel hereinafter described, an arbitrage certification, and certificates verifying that no litigation in any manner questioning the validity of the Bonds is then pending or, to the best knowledge of officers of the District, threatened. Payment for the Bonds must be received by the District at its designated depository on the date of closing in immediately available funds.

LEGAL OPINION

An opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and the exemption from taxation of the interest thereon will be furnished by Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Bond Counsel to the District, and will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the District; provided that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or equitable proceeding). See "FORM OF LEGAL OPINION" found in Appendix B.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must not be for less than \$3,128,400 plus accrued interest on the principal sum of \$3,160,000 from date of original issue of the Bonds to date of delivery. Prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals, interested parties may submit a proposal as follows:

- 1) Electronically to bondsale@ehlers-inc.com; or
- 2) Electronically via **PARITY** in accordance with this Terms of Proposal until 10:30 A.M. Central Time, but no proposal will be received after the time for receiving proposals specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY** conflict with this Terms of Proposal, the terms of this Terms of Proposal shall control. For further information about **PARITY**, potential bidders may contact Ehlers or i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone (212) 849-5021.

Proposals must be submitted to Ehlers via one of the methods described above and must be received prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals. Each proposal must be unconditional except as to legality. Neither the District nor Ehlers shall be responsible for any failure to receive a facsimile submission.

A good faith deposit (“Deposit”) in the amount of \$63,200 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds. Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the winning bidder by Ehlers after the tabulation of proposals. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received by such time. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. The Deposit will be retained by the District as liquidated damages if the proposal is accepted and the Purchaser fails to comply therewith.

The District and the winning bidder who chooses to so wire the Deposit hereby agree irrevocably that Ehlers shall be the escrow holder of the Deposit wired to such account subject only to these conditions and duties: 1) All income earned thereon shall be retained by the escrow holder as payment for its expenses; 2) If the proposal is not accepted, Ehlers shall, at its expense, promptly return the Deposit amount to the winning bidder; 3) If the proposal is accepted, the Deposit shall be returned to the winning bidder at the closing; 4) Ehlers shall bear all costs of maintaining the escrow account and returning the funds to the winning bidder; 5) Ehlers shall not be an insurer of the Deposit amount and shall have no liability hereunder except if it willfully fails to perform or recklessly disregards, its duties specified herein; and 6) FDIC insurance on deposits within the escrow account shall be limited to \$250,000 per bidder.

No proposal can be withdrawn after the time set for receiving proposals unless the meeting of the District scheduled for award of the Bonds is adjourned, recessed, or continued to another date without award of the Bonds having been made.

AWARD

The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest interest rate to be determined on a True Interest Cost (TIC) basis. The District's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling. In the event of a tie, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded by lot. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in any proposal.

BOND INSURANCE

If the Bonds are qualified for any bond insurance policy, the purchase of such policy shall be at the sole option and expense of the winning bidder. Any cost for such insurance policy is to be paid by the winning bidder, except that, if the District requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the District will pay that rating fee. Any rating agency fees not requested by the District are the responsibility of the winning bidder.

Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds are awarded to the winning bidder shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the winning bidder to accept delivery of the Bonds.

CUSIP NUMBERS

The District will assume no obligation for the assignment or printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of any numbers printed thereon, but will permit such numbers to be printed at the expense of the winning bidder, if the winning bidder waives any delay in delivery occasioned thereby.

QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The District will designate the Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the District will enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. A description of the details and terms of the undertaking is set forth in Appendix D of the Preliminary Official Statement.

NEW ISSUE PRICING

The winning bidder will be required to provide, in a timely manner, certain information necessary to compute the yield on the Bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to provide a certificate which will be provided by Bond Counsel upon request.

- (a) The winning bidder shall assist the District in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the District at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate satisfactory to Bond Counsel setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications. All actions to be taken by the District under this Terms of Proposal to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the District's municipal advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the District's municipal advisor.

(b) The District intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “competitive sale requirements”) because:

- (1) The District shall disseminate this Terms of Proposal to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential investors;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the District may receive proposals from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the District anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Terms of Proposal.

Any proposal submitted pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in this proposal.

(c) If all of the requirements of a “competitive sale” are not satisfied, the District shall advise the winning bidder of such fact prior to the time of award of the sale of the Bonds to the winning bidder. In such event, any proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal and the District agrees to use the rule selected by the winning bidder on its proposal form to determine the issue price for the Bonds. On its proposal form, each bidder must select one of the following two rules for determining the issue price of the Bonds: (1) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity or (2) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of each maturity of the Bonds (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”).

(d) If all of the requirements of a “competitive sale” are not satisfied and the winning bidder selects the hold-the-offering-price rule, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the proposal submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder will advise the District promptly after the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The District acknowledges that in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on:

(i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires,

(ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and

(iii) in the event that an underwriter or dealer who is a member of the selling group is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The District further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing issue price rule of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

(e) If all of the requirements of a “competitive sale” are not satisfied and the winning bidder selects the 10% test, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the District, Bond Counsel and Ehlers the prices at which the Bonds have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, provided that, the winning bidder’s reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the District or bond counsel.

(f) By submitting a proposal, each bidder confirms that:

(i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to:

(A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred until either all securities of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the District or bond counsel.

(B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and

(ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group and each broker dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to:

(A) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below), and

(B) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public.

(g) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each term being used as defined below) shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Terms of Proposal. Further, for purposes of this Terms of Proposal:

- (i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the winning bidder.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Bidders may obtain a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds prior to the proposal opening by request from Ehlers at www.ehlers-inc.com by connecting to the Bond Sales link. The Syndicate Manager will be provided with an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement within seven business days of the proposal acceptance. Up to 10 printed copies of the Final Official Statement will be provided upon request. Additional copies of the Final Official Statement will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per copy.

Information for bidders and proposal forms may be obtained from Ehlers at 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, Telephone (651) 697-8500.

By Order of the School Board

Independent School District No. 2890
(Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota

PROPOSAL FORM

The School Board

Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District")

October 7, 2021

RE: \$3,160,000* General Obligation Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds")
DATED: November 4, 2021

For all or none of the above Bonds, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal and terms of the Global Book-Entry System (unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser) as stated in this Official Statement, we will pay you \$ _____ (not less than \$3,128,400) plus accrued interest to date of delivery for fully registered Bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in the stated years as follows:

_____ % due	2023	_____ % due	2027	_____ % due	2031
_____ % due	2024	_____ % due	2028	_____ % due	2032
_____ % due	2025	_____ % due	2029		
_____ % due	2026	_____ % due	2030		

* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.) All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the amount of \$63,200 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds. Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the winning bidder by Ehlers after the tabulation of proposals. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received by such time. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. The Deposit will be retained by the District as liquidated damages if the proposal is accepted and the Purchaser fails to comply therewith. We agree to the conditions and duties of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., as escrow holder of the Deposit, pursuant to the Terms of Proposal. This proposal is for prompt acceptance and is conditional upon delivery of said Bonds to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal. Delivery is anticipated to be on or about November 4, 2021.

This proposal is subject to the District's agreement to enter into a written undertaking to provide continuing disclosure under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as described in the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds.

We have received and reviewed the Official Statement, and any addenda thereto, and have submitted our requests for additional information or corrections to the Final Official Statement. As Syndicate Manager, we agree to provide the District with the reoffering price of the Bonds within 24 hours of the proposal acceptance.

This proposal is a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds identified in the Terms of Proposal, on the terms set forth in this proposal form and the Terms of Proposal, and is not subject to any conditions, except as permitted by the Terms of Proposal.

By submitting this proposal, we confirm that we are an underwriter and have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. YES: ____ NO: ____.

If the competitive sale requirements are not met, we elect to use either the: ____ 10% test, or the ____ hold-the-offering-price rule to determine the issue price of the Bonds.

Account Manager: _____ By: _____
Account Members: _____

Award will be on a true interest cost basis. According to our computations (the correct computation being controlling in the award), the total dollar interest cost (including any discount or less any premium) computed from November 4, 2021 of the above proposal is \$ _____ and the true interest cost (TIC) is _____ %.

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2890 (Renville County West Public Schools), Minnesota, on October 7, 2021.

By: _____ By: _____
Title: _____ Title: _____